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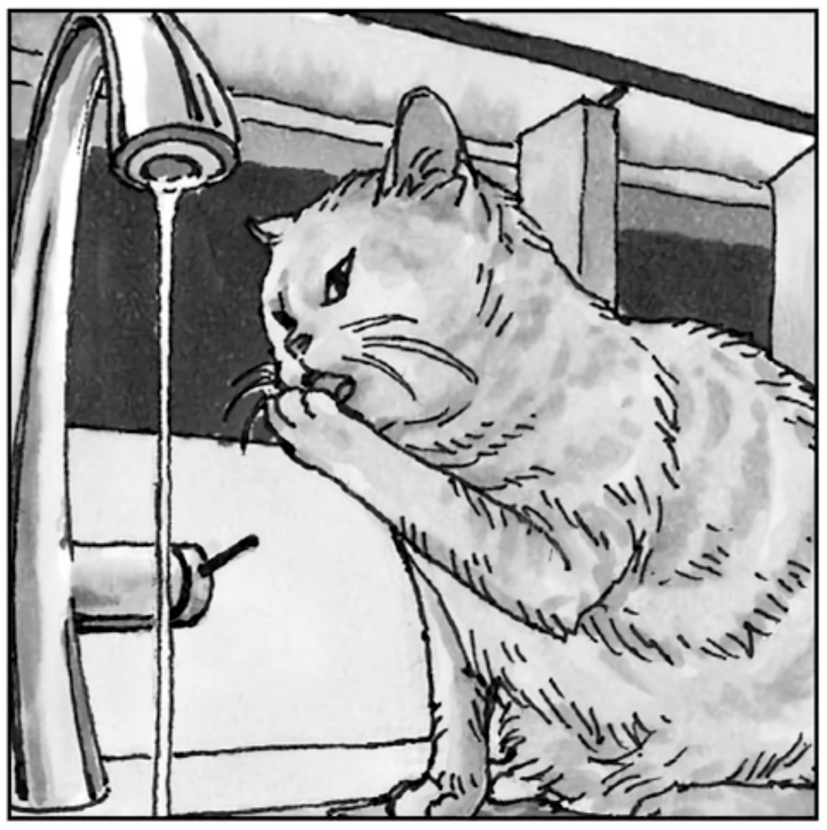

池本幹雄

I bought and set up a kitty water fountain, but my cat tends to drink directly from the kitchen faucet. The basic style is straight-out guzzling, but my cat seems to also like sticking a paw into the stream and then licking the drops. All this can sometimes go on for over ten minutes. Since it's the job of the human to turn the faucet off, I try to keep watch until my cat is done and walks away (which can be problematic around deadline time).

By pure chance, we recently received a lot of original character submissions that were cat related. As the main story is a bit violent, use your cats for warm and fluffy relief.

-Mikio Ikemoto, 2022

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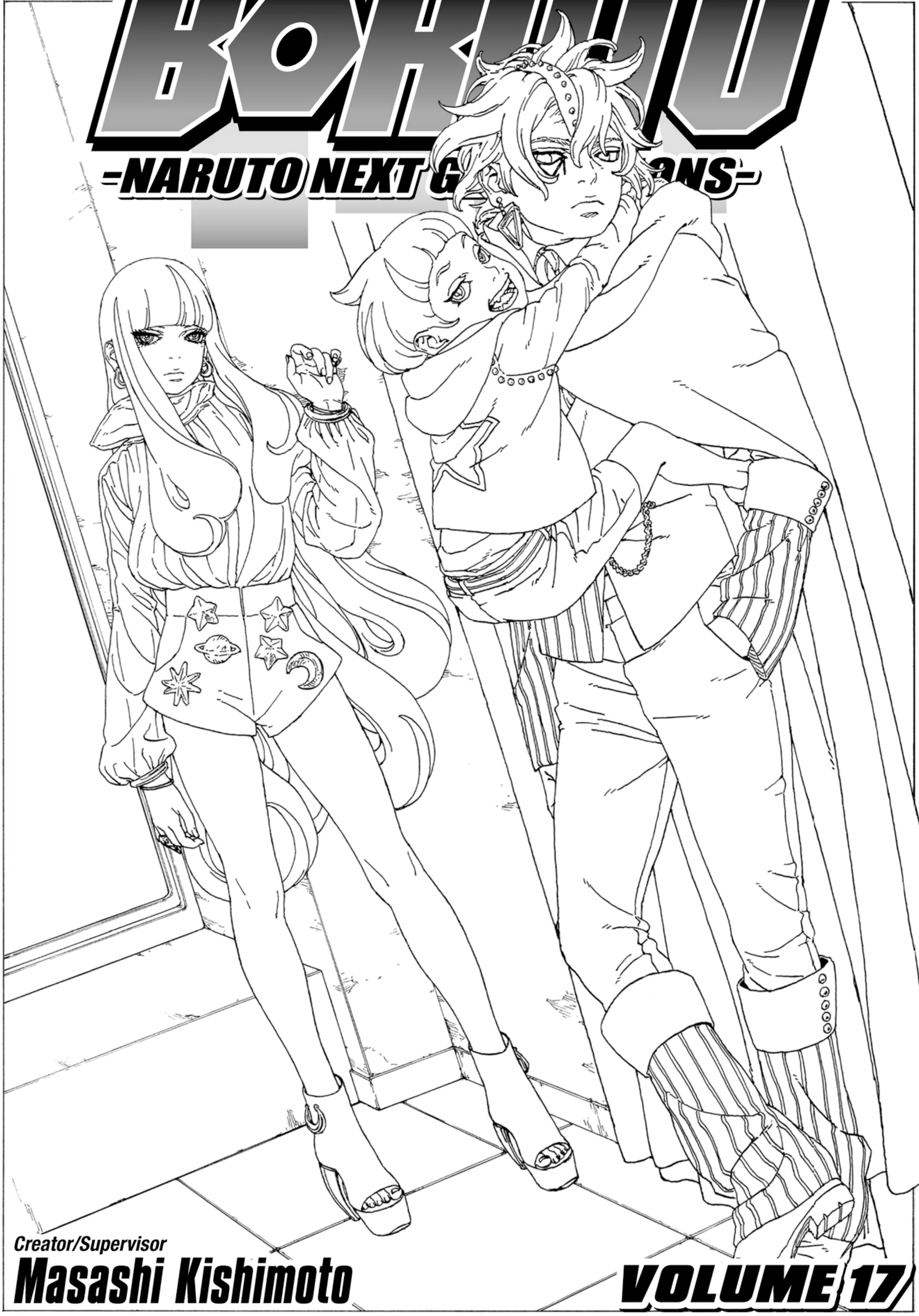

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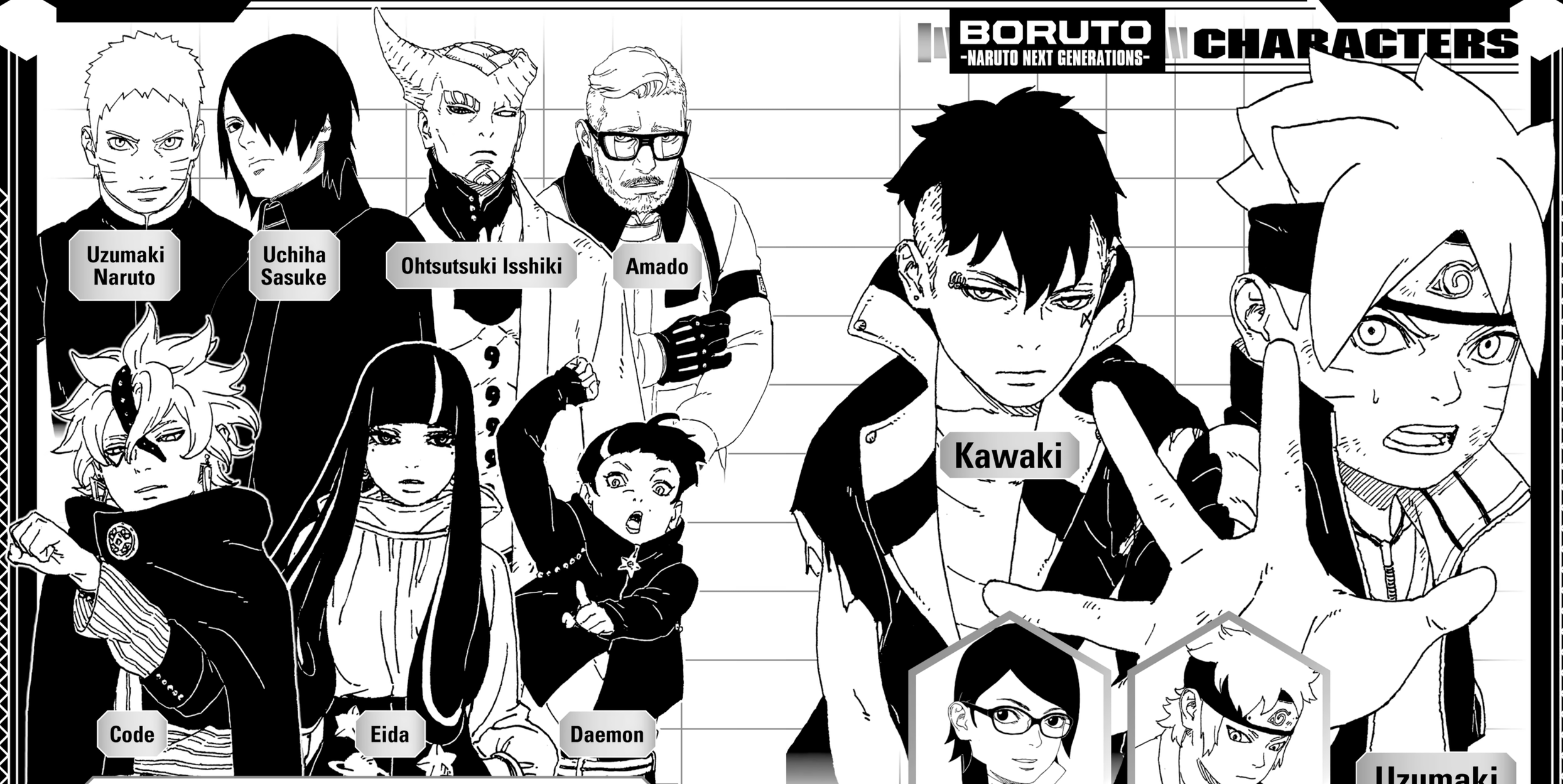

STORY

The Great Ninja War that shook the world and shed much blood is now history. Naruto has become the Seventh Hokage, and the people of Konohagakure Village are enjoying peace. But Ohtsutsuki Clan members attack and leave a mysterious mark, the Karma, on Seventh Hokage Naruto's son, Boruto…

Afterward, Boruto happens upon a young man named Kawaki who bears the same Karma as himself. And it is he who is proven to be what Kara has been calling the Vessel.

In order to place Kawaki under his protection, Naruto moves him into his own home. Boruto and Kawaki keep butting heads, but Kawaki starts acclimating to the Village and begins to respect Naruto.

Later, with his life running out, Ohtsutsuki Isshiki attempts to resurrect in Kawaki's body, but the valiant efforts of Naruto and the others lead to his end. Kara's last officer, Code, who has taken on the Ohtsutsuki Will from Isshiki, awakens sibling cyborgs who possess astounding powers, and vows to take Naruto and the others down. To avoid causing Naruto trouble, Kawaki leaves the Village by himself and makes contact with Code. Boruto rushes to the scene, but...

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NICE.

THERE WE ARE.

"I'LL FIND THE TEN TAILS THAT ISSHIKI HID SOME-WHERE..."

"...AND THEN..."

"...FEED YOU TO IT AND CLAIM ITS FRUIT."

"YOU'VE BEEN FREED TOO, KAWAKI."

"WHERE'S YOUR SMILE?"

...

HOW DARE YOU COME OUT AGAIN!!

YOU BASTARD!

MOMO-SHIKI'S CONSCIOUS-NESS...

WHY DOES IT EMERGE TO THIS DEGREE, WHEN YOU'RE STILL ONLY A VESSEL?

...

UZUMAKI BORUTO...

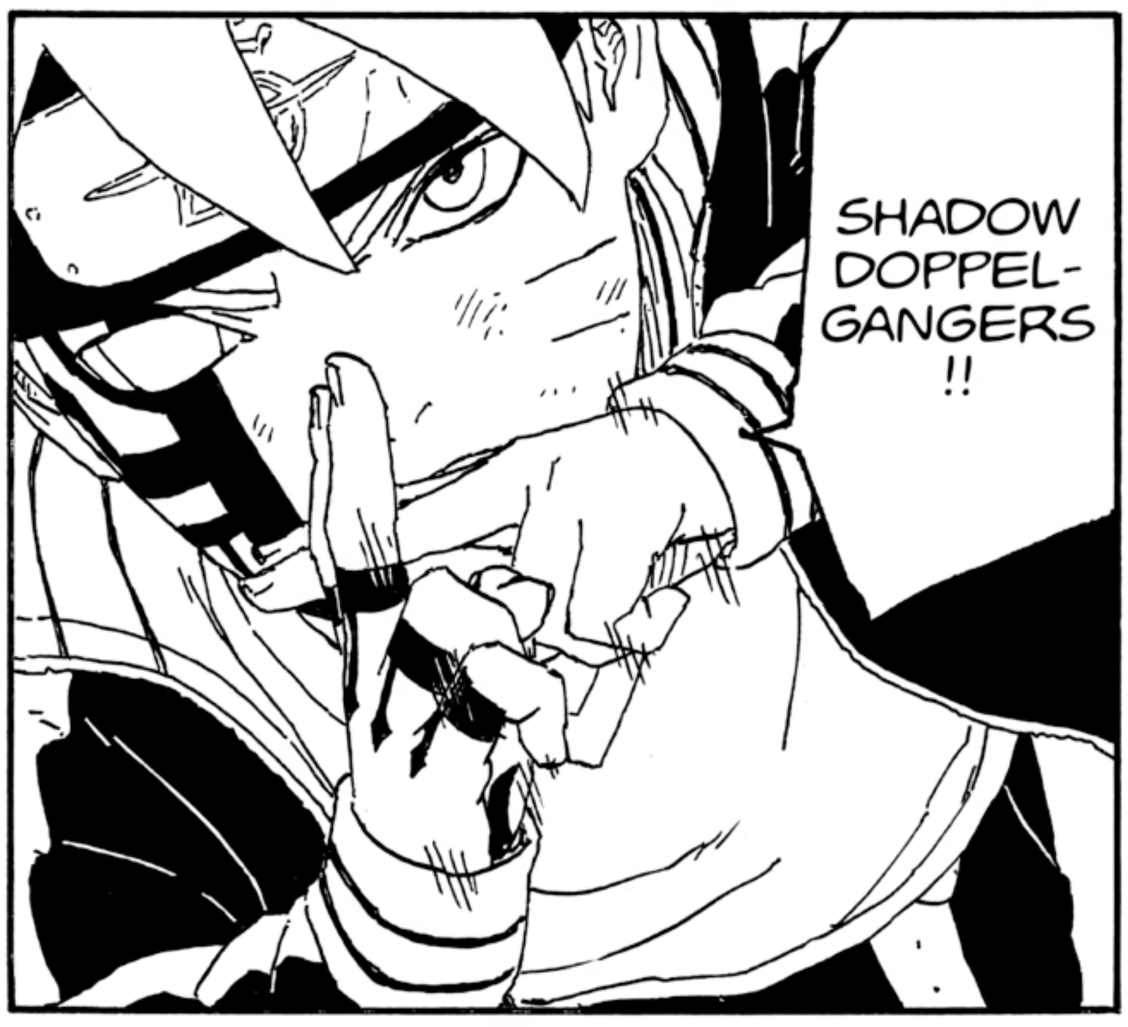
YOU'RE QUITE A PUZZLE.

?!

MOVE BACK MORE, KAWAKI.

IT AIN'T SAFE.

BAM


SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGERS !!

!
COULD IT BE?!

B-B-BOOF

GAK

I SEE...

HE'S STRONGER!!

DMP

GK-GK
THD-THD-THD-THD
ZWISH
FP

FWIP
ZWIGG
!
ZLSH
UGH !!
VWOP

BOOF

GAH !!

GRP

BOOF

DAMMIT !

GRP

RAAWR
!!
WHAT?!

WHAM

POW

GAH!

GRIKK

!

SUCH AN ANNOYING ABILITY!

YEESH !

MUCH MORE THAN USUAL.

WHAT POWER!

I DON'T GET IT THOUGH.

WHEN'D HE MANAGE TO...

IT'S STILL BORUTO WHO'S IN CONTROL.

...AT THE VERY LEAST, IT SEEMS HE'S NOW ABLE TO CHANNEL MOMOSHIKI'S POWER...

...WITHOUT HIS MIND GETTING TAKEN OVER.

I WONDER IF IT'S AN EFFECT OF AMADO'S MEDS?

I CAN'T TELL EXACTLY WHAT'S GOING ON INSIDE BORUTO'S BODY, BUT...

...

TALK TO ME, EIDA.

VW

MEDS?

...

IT WON'T BE FUNNY...

I WOULDN'T WRITE HIM OFF.

...IF YOU GO DOWN BEFORE YOU REGAIN YOUR TRUE STRENGTH.

SWITCH EVERYONE OVER TO HOME IN ON BORUTO'S CHAKRA.

YUP! FORGET ABOUT KAWAKI'S.

A FEW DOZEN KLICKS AROUND THE VILLAGE.

STAT!

HUH?

BORUTO'S CHAKRA?

I SUSPECT THAT'S ALSO WHERE KAWAKI WILL BE.

WHAT'S DONE IS DONE.

YOU HEARD ME... HURRY UP AND SEARCH FOR BORUTO!

I SWEAR I HAD MY EYES ON THEM.

I'M SO SORRY, LORD SEVENTH.

I DUNNO WHAT...

TMP

SHIKA-MARU!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?

CODE MAY HAVE ALREADY TRACKED KAWAKI DOWN...

WORST CASE, THE ENEMY TOO.

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

IT'D BE SUICIDE.

I CAN'T LET YOU GO ALONE. YOU DON'T HAVE KURAMA'S POWER ANYMORE.

EVEN KILLED HIM.

THEN ...?

NO ONE'S THINKING ABOUT TRYING TO STOP YOU.

CALM DOWN.

LET ME FINISH.

ARE YOU TELLING ME...

...TO ABANDON THE KIDS?!

SINCE, UN-FORTUNATELY, SASUKE ISN'T BACK FROM TRACKING CODE YET...

...AND SAI IS ON AMADO GUARD DUTY.

I'M GOING WITH YOU.

...

TMP

WE'LL HEAD OUT AS SOON AS BORUTO'S LOCATED.

I KNOW. IT'LL BE DANGEROUS. I DON'T WANT TO ARGUE WITH YOU.

JUST BE GRATEFUL WE'RE NOT STOPPING YOU.

SHIKA-MARU...

HINATA ...

NARUTO!

NO WAY!!

THINK OF HIMAWARI. WHAT IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO YOU?

STAY HERE, PLEASE!

I'LL GO TOO!

I CAN'T JUST STAY STILL!

...

...

...

I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, BUT...

...PLEASE DON'T INSIST, HINATA.

MAMA...

HIMA...

LISTEN TO NARUTO, FOR MY SAKE IF NOTHING ELSE.

...

YOU'LL COME BACK SAFELY...
...WITH BIG BRO AND KAWAKI?
IT'LL BE OKAY, RIGHT...
...PAPA?

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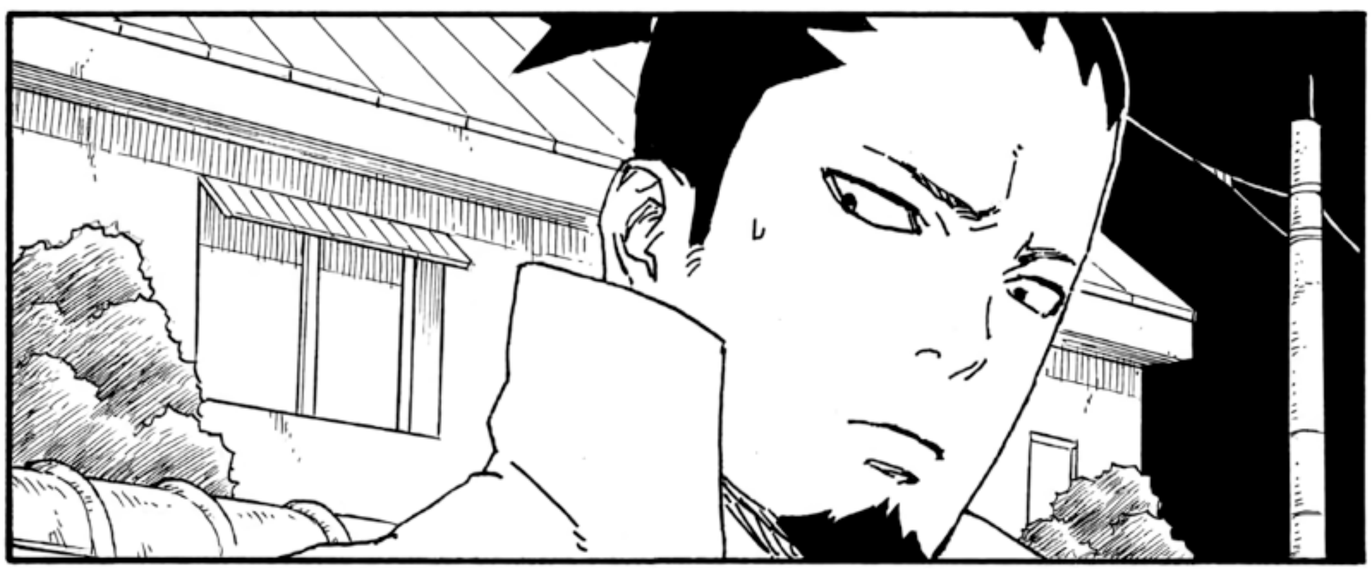
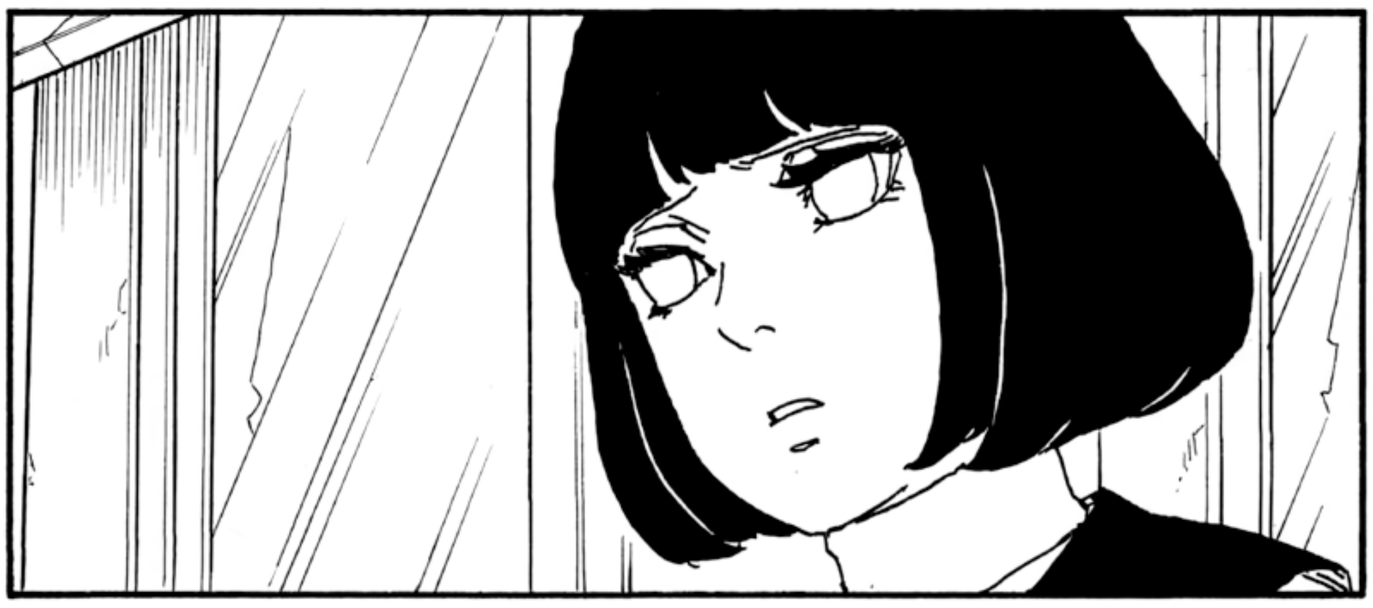




WSH

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN WHO YOUR DAD IS?

OF COURSE!

NARUTO...

...BORUTO, KAWAKI...

PLEASE...

STAY SAFE!

GRP

...

...

...

...THESE CLAW MARKS.

THEY MUST NOT BE MADE OF CHAKRA...

SEEMS I CAN'T ABSORB...

FWAP

AND THUS, KARMA CAN'T ABSORB THEM.

ENOUGH TO BE CONSIDERED PHYSICAL MATTER.

SO BE CAREFUL.

THEY'RE MOSTLY PHYSICALLY EMBODIED CHAKRA, BUT...

...THERE'S IRON MIXED IN, FROM HIS BLOOD.

MAKING THEM COMPOSITES.

WHERE THE HECK DID MOMOSHIKI GO?

...WHAT'S UP WITH YOU?!

MORE IMPORTANTLY...

WORRY LATER.

FOR NOW...

WHICH MEANS IT'S UNRELIABLE. GAH.

YOU BETTER NOT SUDDENLY LOSE CONTROL!

DUNNO.

...IT'S NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE.

WHETHER IT'S AN EFFECT OF THE MEDS OR NOT...

...

HMPH.

LET'S FOCUS ON TAKING HIM DOWN.

CUZ THAT'LL SOLVE EVERY-THING, WON'T IT?!

!

HOW...

...DOES HE KNOW ABOUT THE MEDS?

WHATEVER THE EFFECT OF THOSE MEDS OF AMADO'S...

...THEY CAN'T ACTUALLY GET RID OF MOMO-SHIKI.

YOU'RE STILL OHTSU-TSUKI, NOW AND BEYOND.

NO QUALITY-RELATED PROBLEMS AT ALL.

YOU'LL BE A TOP-NOTCH SACRIFICE.

AND THAT SEEMS SAFE.

NOT THAT IT MATTERS TO ME...

...WHETHER YOU'RE BORUTO OR MOMO-SHIKI.

AS LONG AS A DIVINE TREE GER-MINATES FROM FEEDING YOU TO TEN TAILS.

MY ANSWER'S NEVER GONNA CHANGE.

NO THANKS.

SHF

I'LL BE BACK FOR YOU ONCE YOU REACH PEAK RIPENESS.

THE COM-PLETION OF YOUR OHTSUTSUKI-FICATION IS NO LONGER AN ISSUE OF IF, BUT WHEN.

GRP

UGH!

UNTIL THEN...

IT WAS FUN, UZUMAKI BORUTO.

GOODBYE FOR NOW.

I'LL SEE YOU SOON.

BOOM

LET'S GO, KAWAKI.

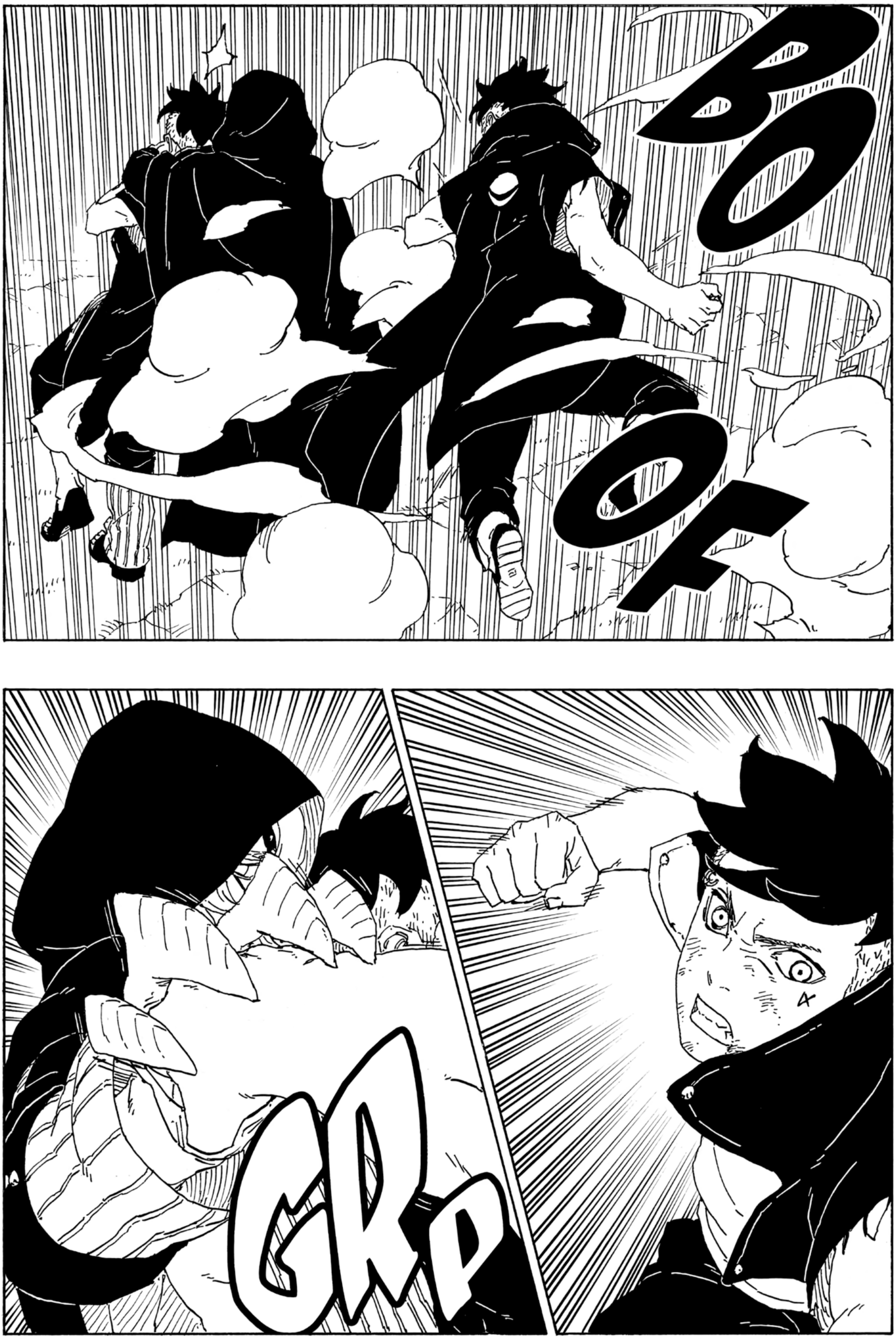
SHE'S WAITING.

TAK

HEY--

HOLD UP!!

FWP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GRP

HEY, KAWAKI!

BOOM

GAH!

GLAD YOU'RE FINALLY JOINING THE PARTY!!

DIVOOSH

BOOF

HUFF

HUFF

WHAT IS THIS, KAWAKI?

I THOUGHT YOU AGREED TO COME WITH ME.

...IS FOR LORD SEVENTH!

EVERYTHING I'VE DONE AND DO...

DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA.

...THAT WOULD BE THE FASTEST *AND* EASIEST!

EXACTLY.

AND IF WE CAN JUST TAKE YOU DOWN...

...AT *BOTH* OF YOU.

I'M STARTING TO GET PISSED OFF...

GAH.

IT'LL GO BETTER FOR YOU IF YOU JUST OBEY ME.

FINE.

LET ME MAKE THIS CLEAR.

V

M

THEN COME.

IS THAT ALL YOU GOTTA SAY?

LET'S SETTLE THIS.

I'VE FOUND BORUTO!

ROUGHLY 40 KLICKS TO THE NORTH-WEST!

...WHOSE CHAKRA I DON'T RECOG-NIZE!

AND THERE'S SOME-ONE ELSE...

INO, YOU THERE?

IS IT CODE?!

DAMMIT!

TMP

MAINTAIN HIGH ALERT ACROSS THE WHOLE VILLAGE.

OUR ENEMY'S ELUSIVE.

BE CAREFUL, SHIKA-MARU!

COPY THAT!

WE KNOW WHERE BORUTO IS! WE'RE HEADING THERE NOW!!

ALL RIGHT...

LET'S GO!

HOW LONG, DO YOU THINK?

YOU CAN'T SUSTAIN IT THAT LONG, RIGHT?

NARUTO, THAT SAGE MODE OF YOURS...

TAK

C'MON!

QUITE A LOT LONGER THAN BEFORE, ACTUALLY. CALL IT...

DON'T WORRY.

...THE WISDOM OF AGE.

YEAH, RIGHT.

WHAT WISDOM OF AGE?

SHOOM

LISTEN.

DON'T OVERDO IT, NARUTO.

OKAY?

...

I KNOW.

YEAH.

TAK-TAK

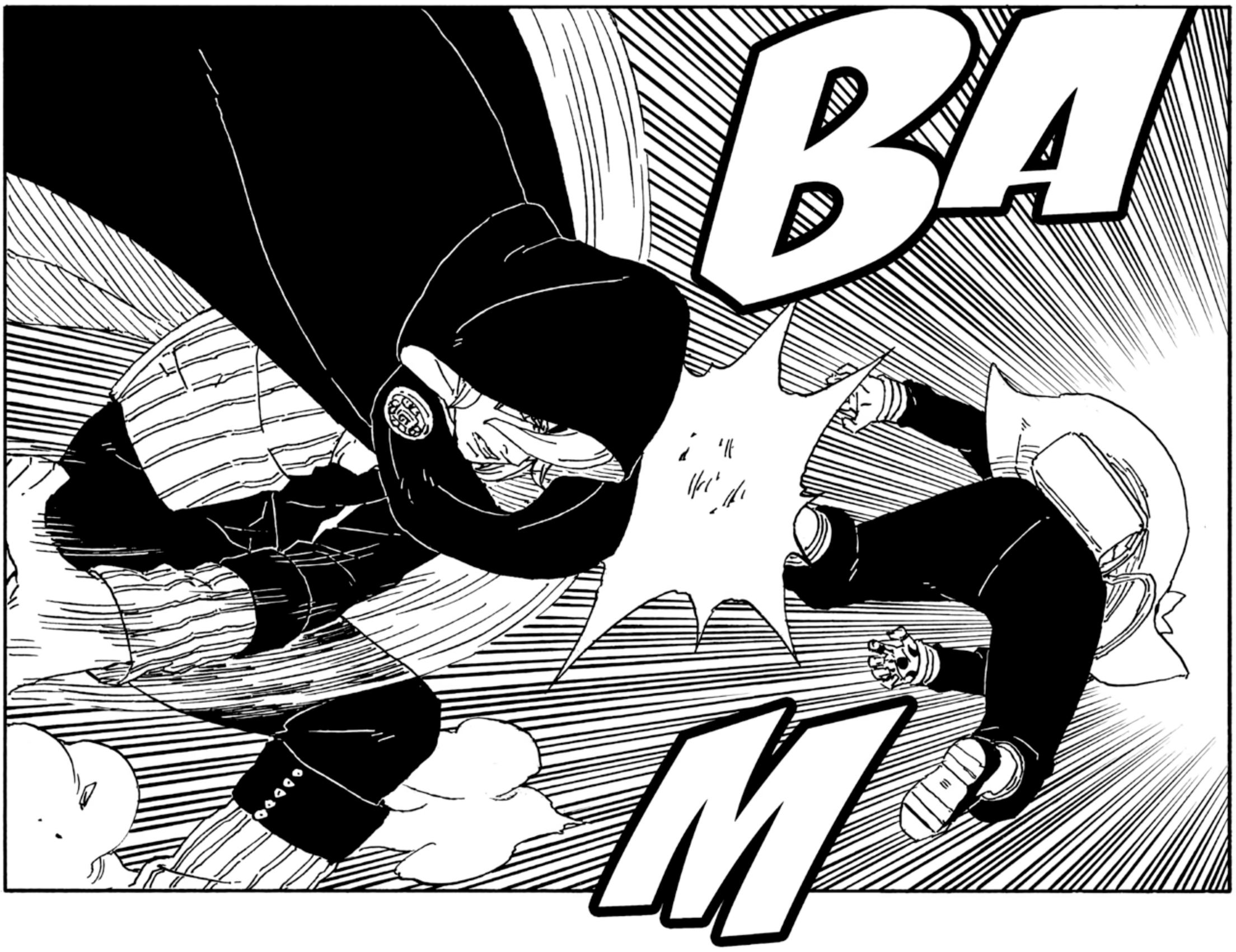
THK

ZWISH

WHAM

ZWGG

THWAP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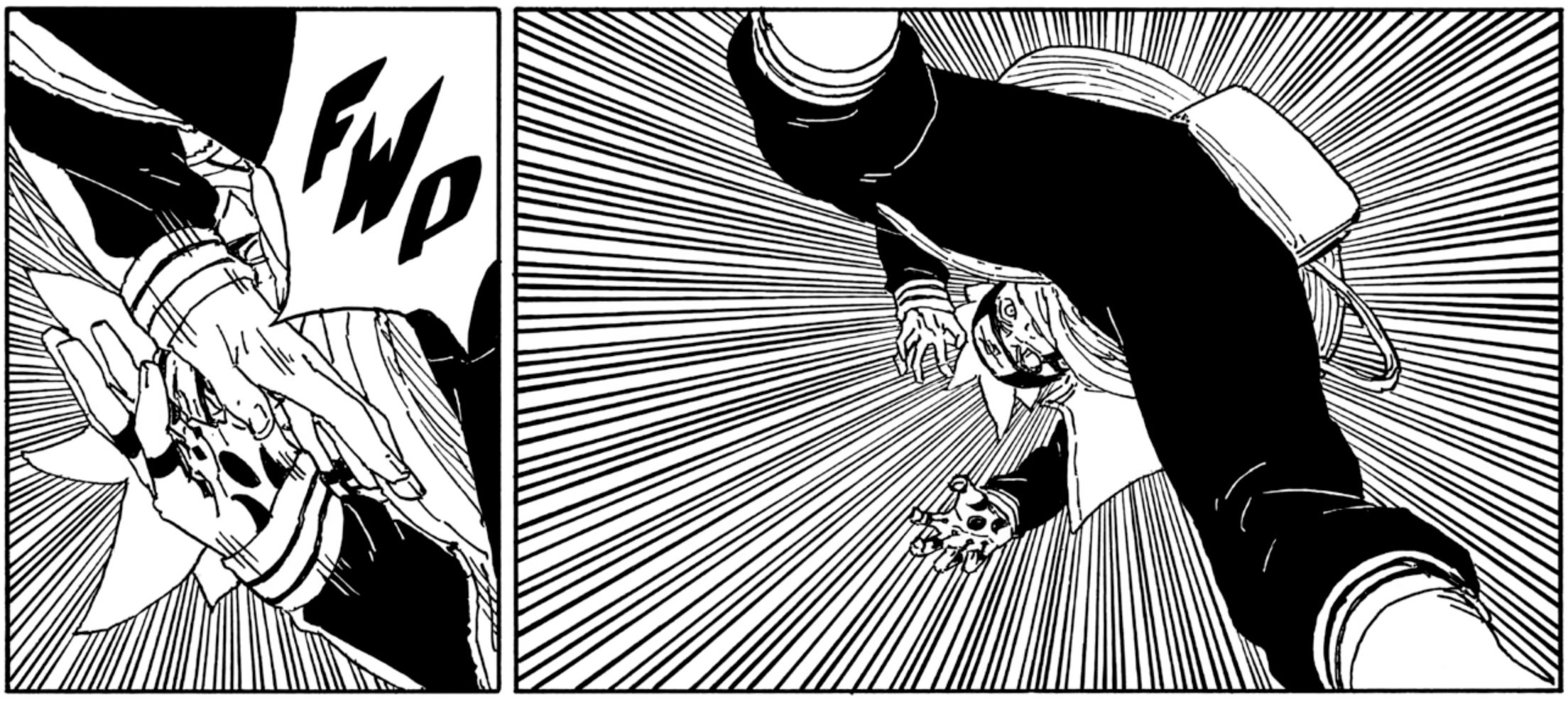
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SLAM

...!!

THIS...

WOOO

ZSSH

IT'S A VANISHING RASENGAN!!

GAH!

KOOOSH

GRK

SWING

BASTARD!!

HE USED CLAW MARKS TO TELE-PORT AWAY FROM THE RASENGAN!

!

DAMMIT!

WASN'T CLOSE ENOUGH FOR US!

CLOSE CALL? NOT FUNNY, YOU IDIOT!

QUIT FOOLING AROUND!

THAT WAS A BIT OF A CLOSE CALL.

I'LL HAVE TO WATCH FOR THOSE VANISHING RASENGANS.

AH WELL.

I GUESS WE JUST HAVE TO GO ALL OUT.

SO CHEAP TRICKS DON'T WORK.

SHUP

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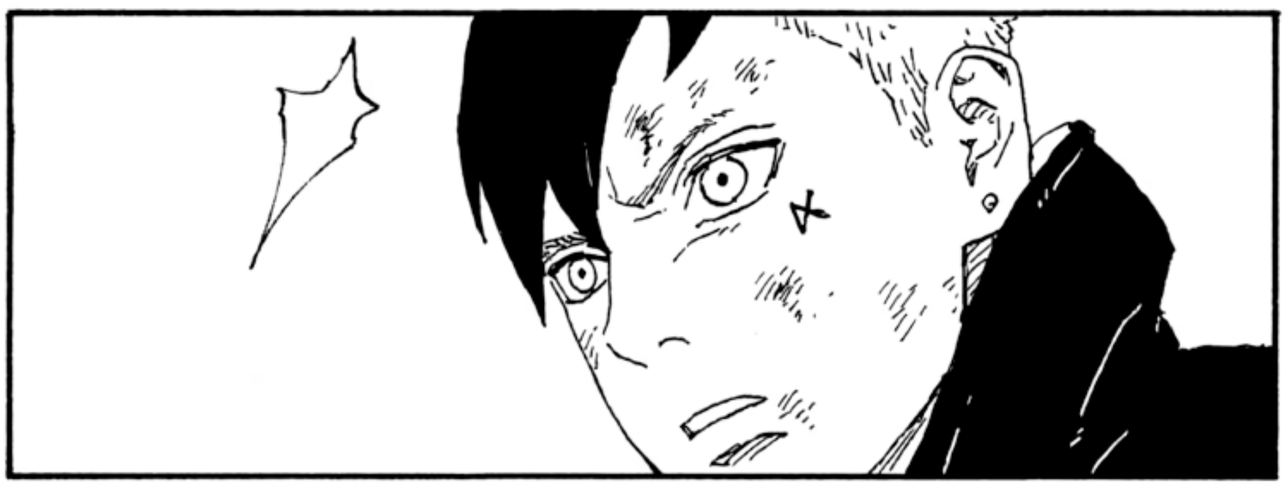

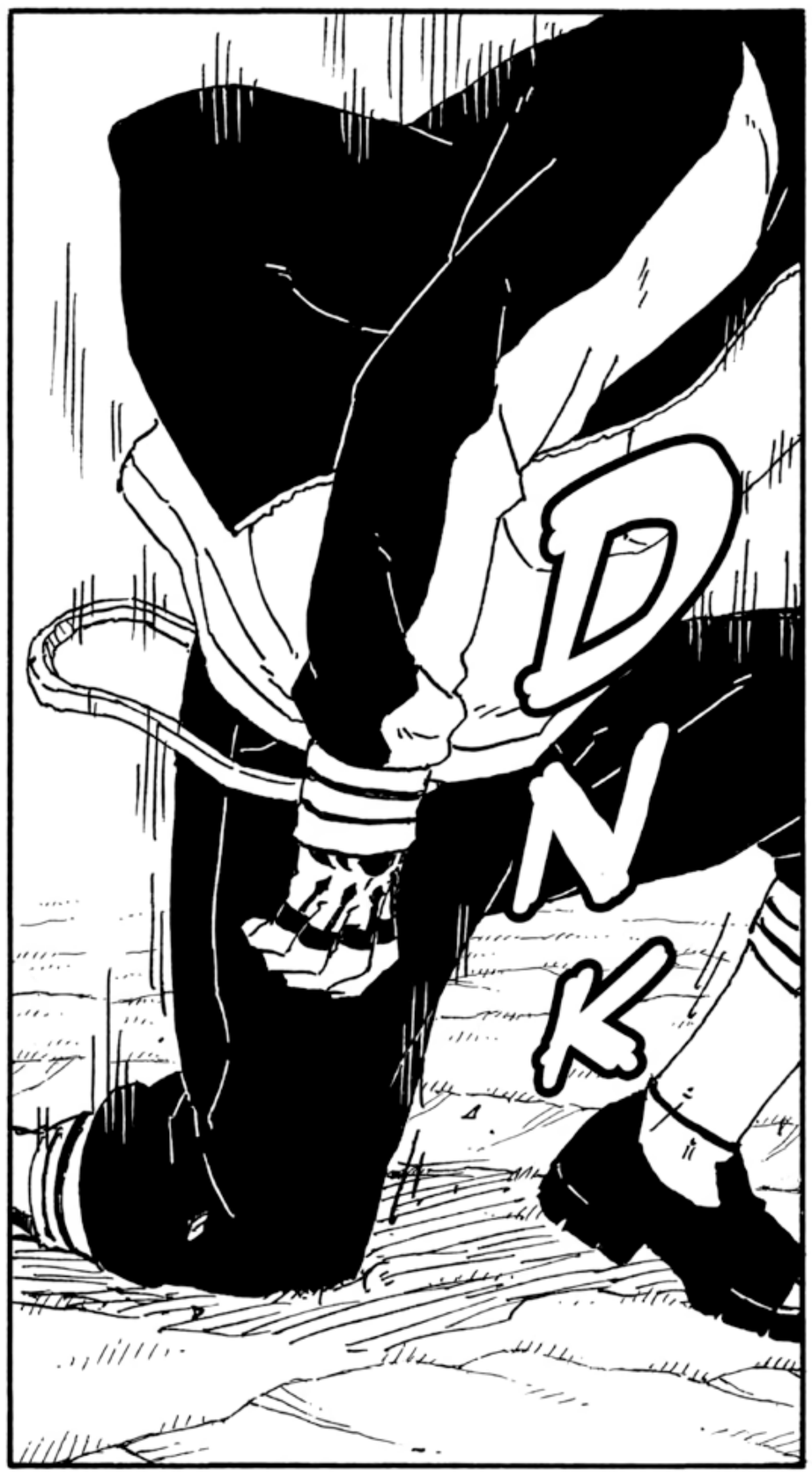
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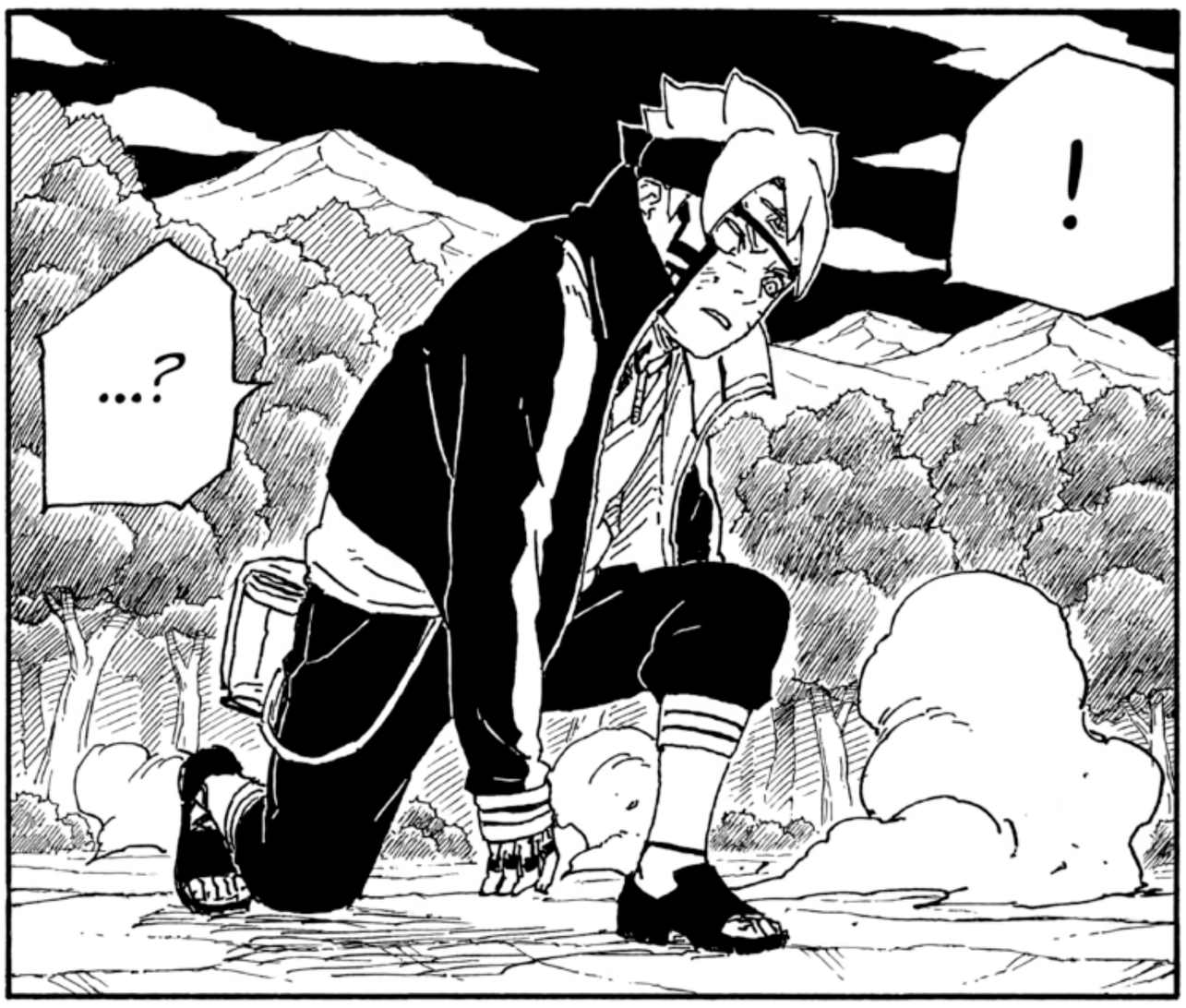
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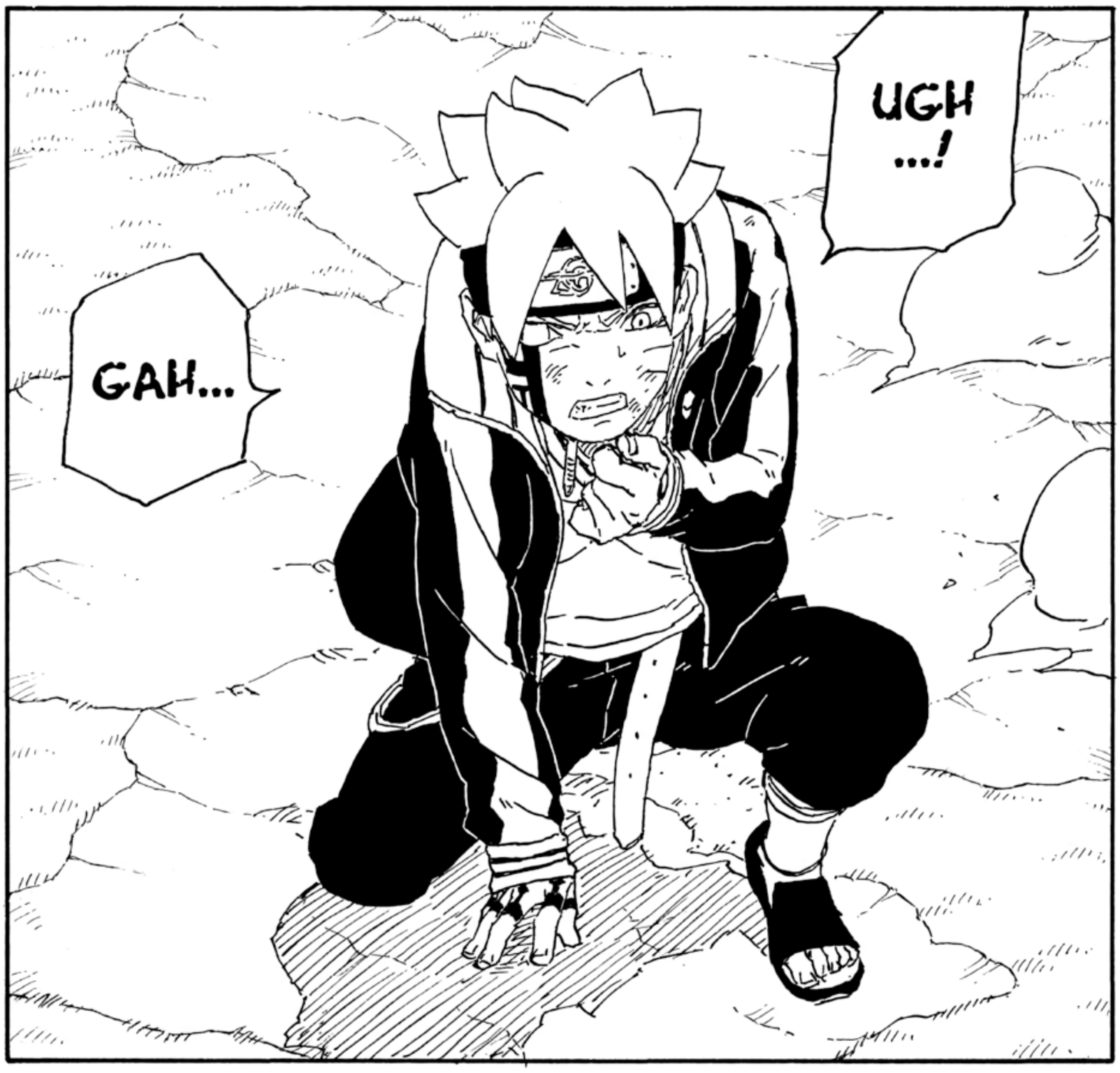
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UGH ...!

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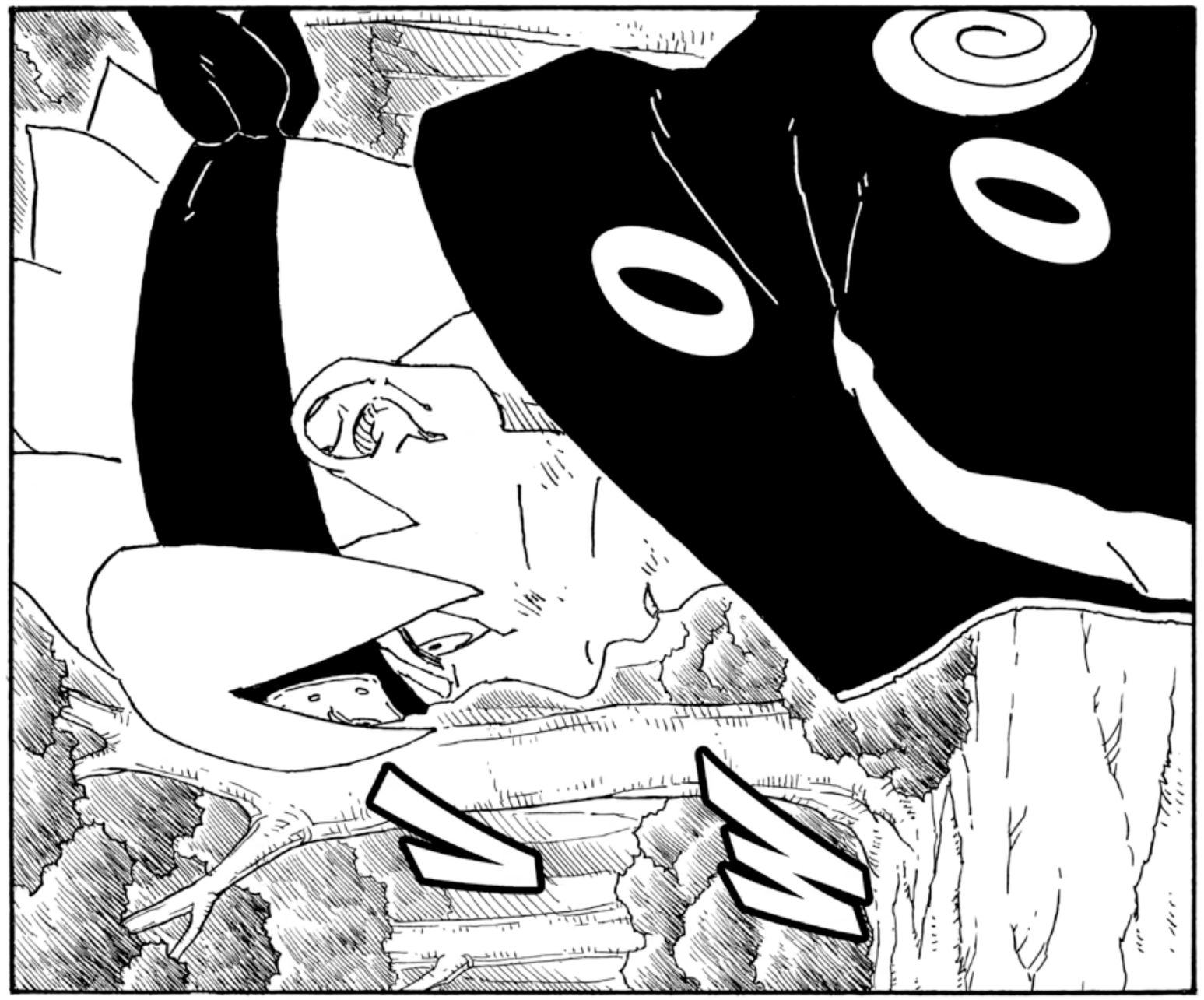
GAK!
THD
BORUTO !!
H-HEY?
!!
UNNH ...
AAH...



Number 65: Karma Power

ACK!

NUH...

UGH...

BORUTO !!

DAMMIT! DON'T TELL ME... IS IT A SIDE EFFECT OF THOSE MEDS?!

AHH...

GAH!!

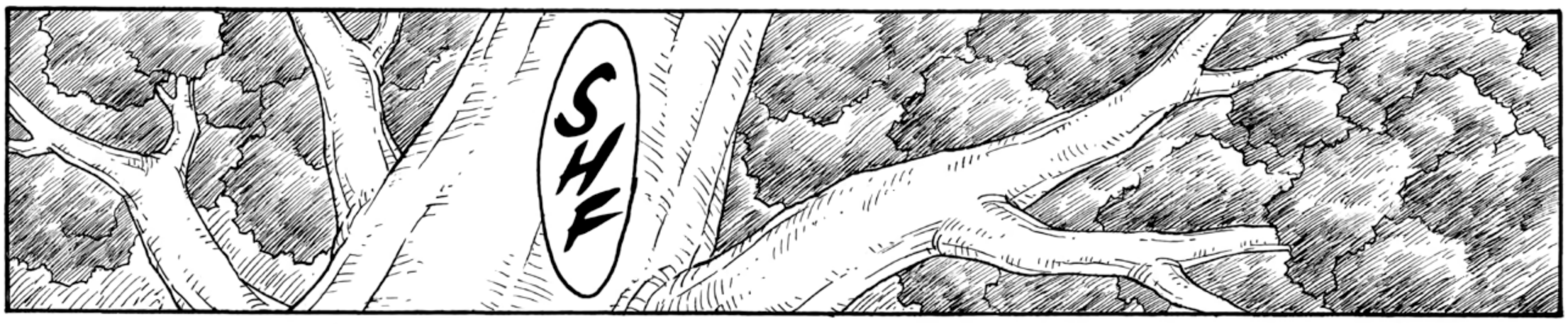
...

?

HUH?

WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

VW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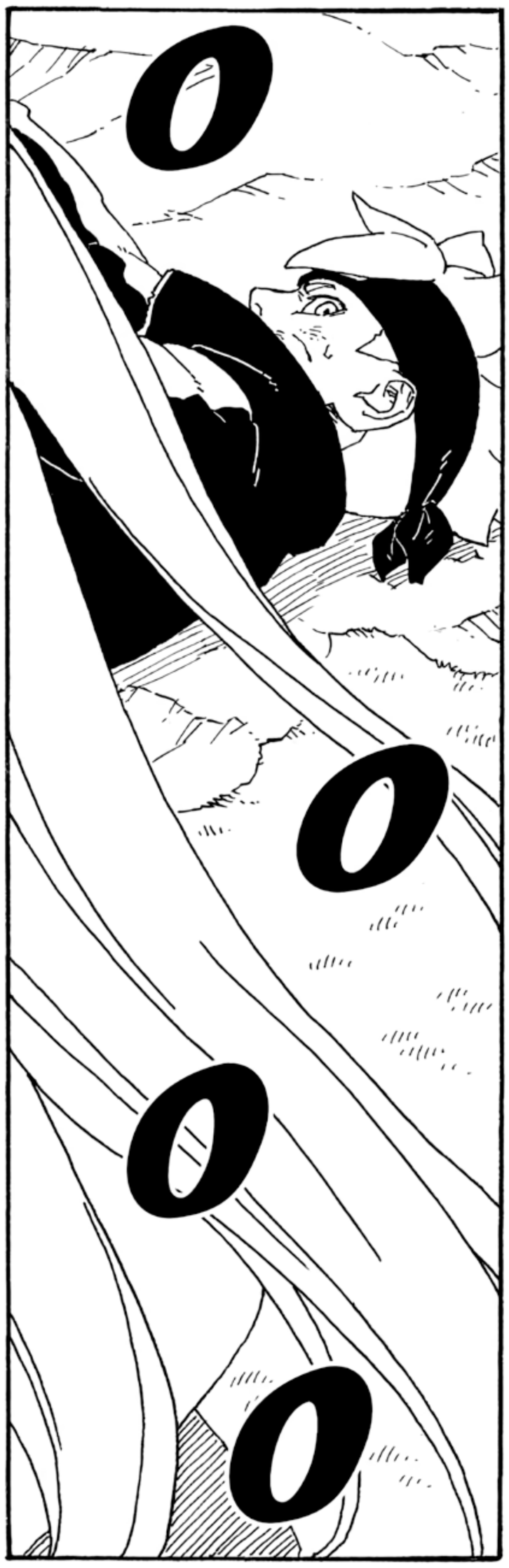
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...IT'S NO MORE THAN A STOPGAP MEASURE.
EVEN IF YOU HALT KARMIC EXTRACTION WITH SOME TRIFLING DRUG...

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YOU!

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O

O

MOMO-
SHIKI!!

!

UGH...

O

HELLO AGAIN...

...FOOLISH LAD.

IT'S NO GOOD...

I CAN'T MOVE!

IT FEELS LIKE TIME ITSELF WAS STOPPED!

AND NOT CUZ I USED UP ALL MY STRENGTH OR CHAKRA...

THIS HAPPENED BEFORE...

THAT'S LIKELY WHEN...

...HE IMPLANTED THE KARMA IN ME!

THAT DAY.

RIGHT AFTER WE TOOK MOMOSHIKI DOWN.

WORTH-LESS KARA DREGS...

...

...TEN TAILS, ISN'T HE?

HE'S THE ONE WHO HAS THE DIVINE TREE SEEDLING...

MOVE ASIDE...

...BOY.

WHAT A PERFECT CHANCE TO KILL HIM.

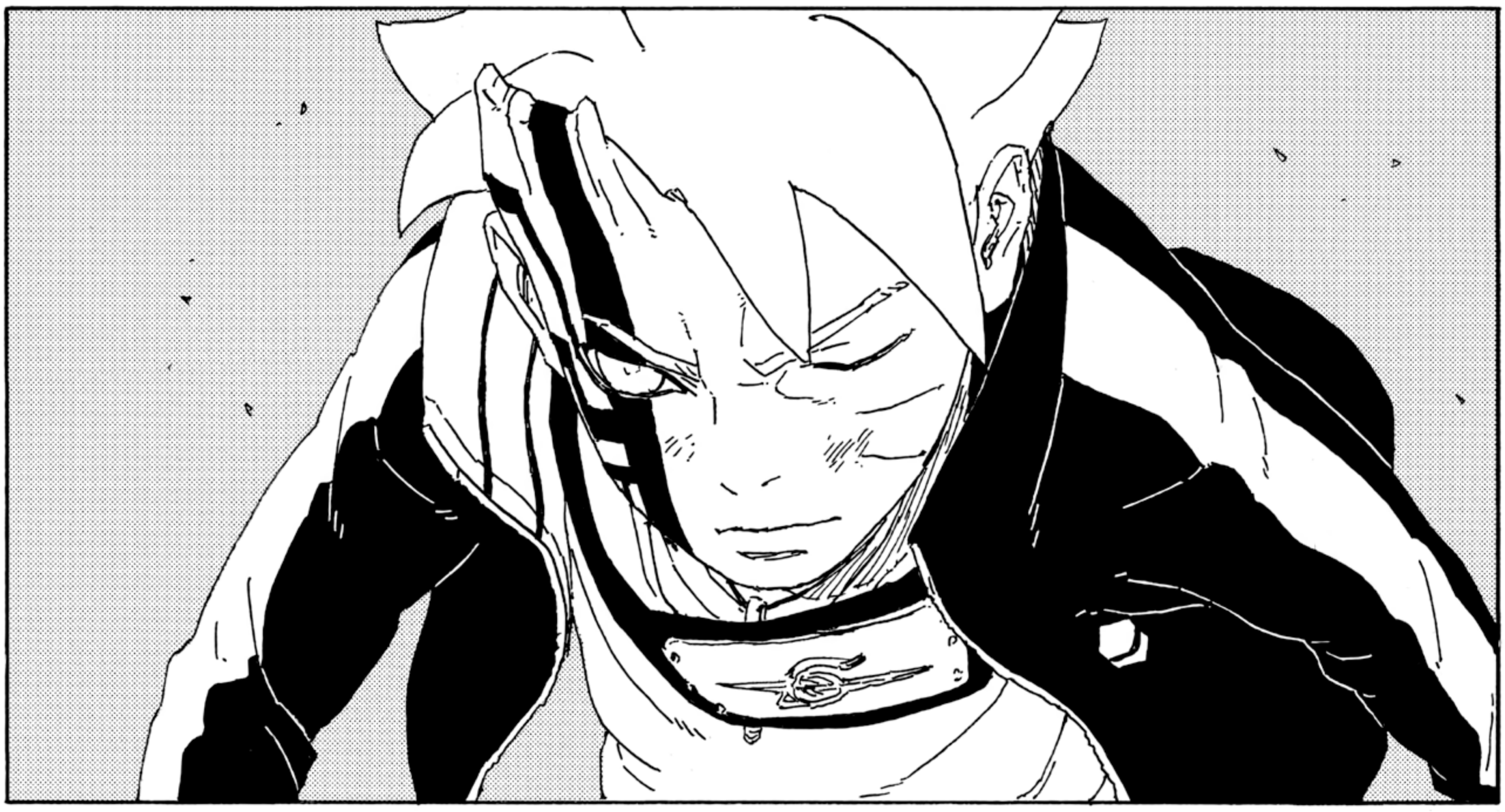
SHUP

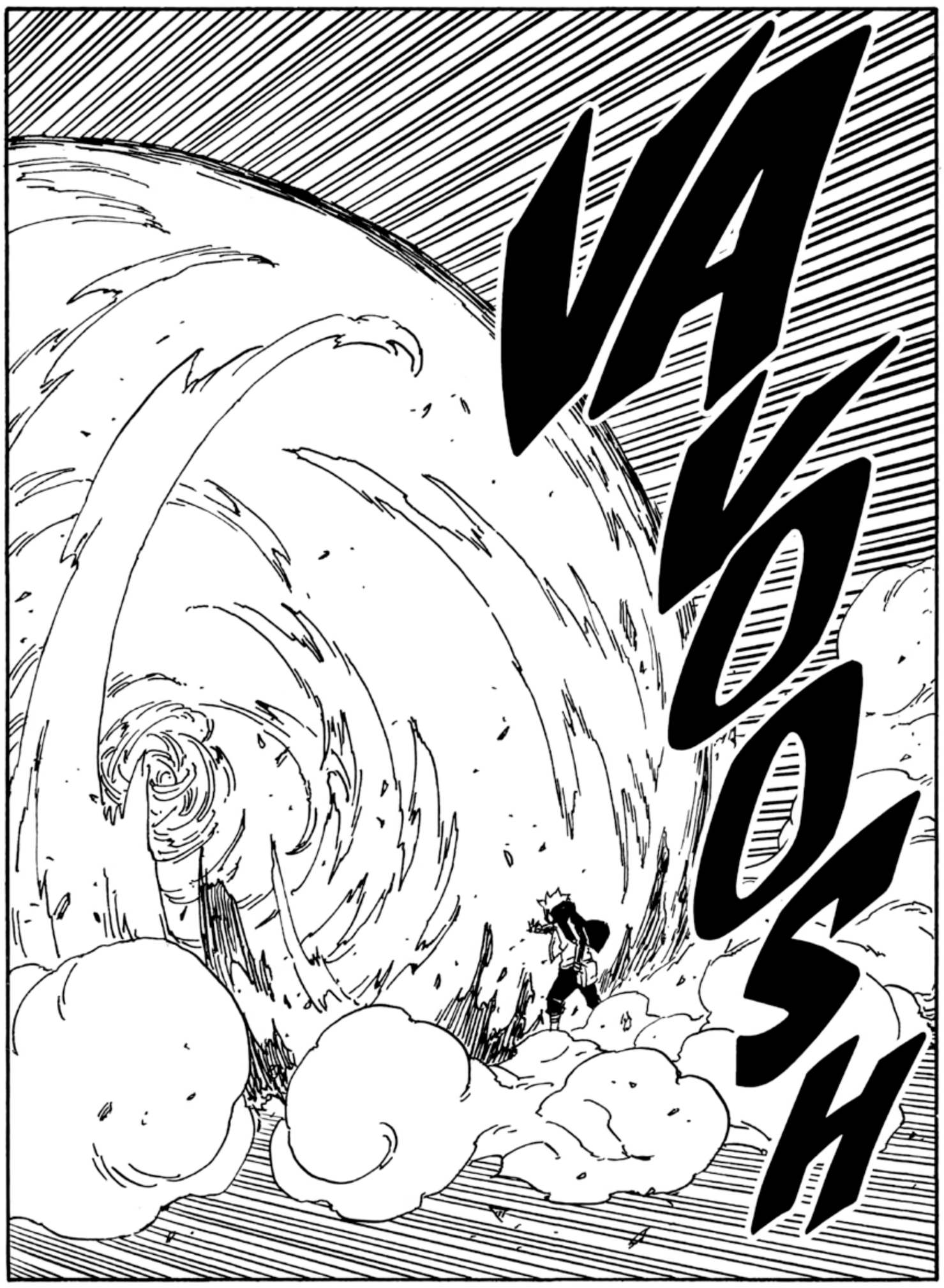
TAK

?!

BORUTO!!

DMP

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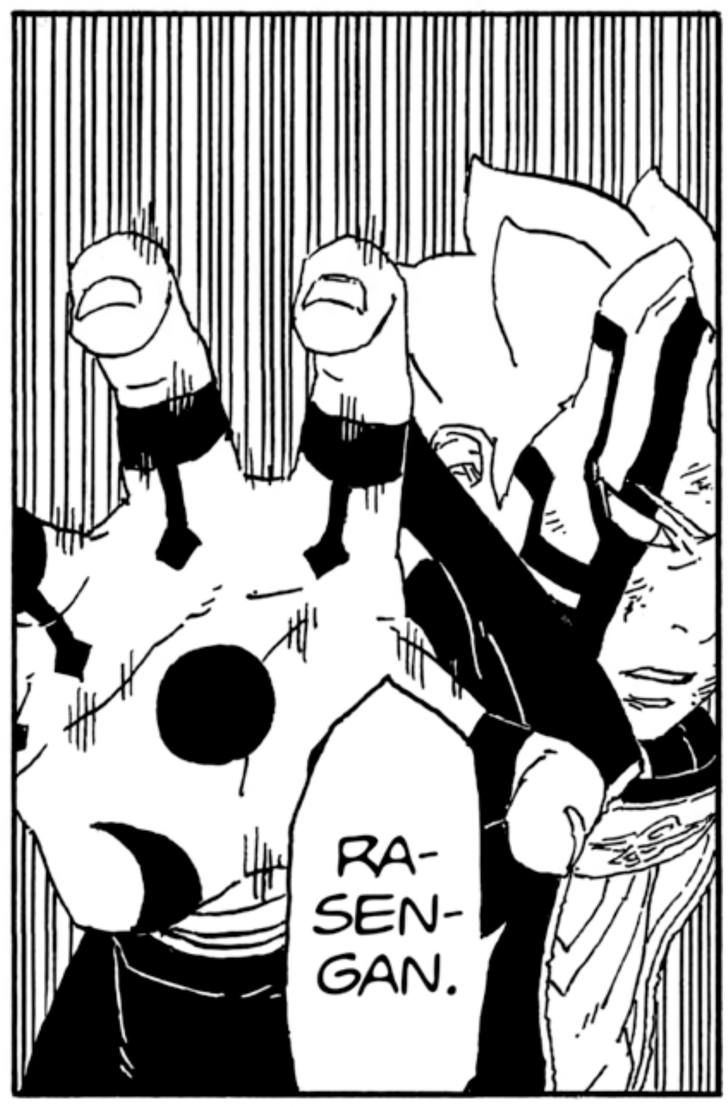
MOMO-
SHIKI!


RA-
SEN-
GAN.

GWOOOO

...

SO THIS IS TRUE OHTSUTSUKI POWER.

NO WONDER BORO HAD NO CHANCE.

RIDICULOUS DESTRUCTIVE POWER.

SO TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM BORUTO'S KARMA STRENGTH.

YOU'LL LEARN SOON ENOUGH.

IT'LL BE THE SAME FOR YOU.

KAWAKI'S ALREADY ENCOUNTERED CODE?

HOW DO YOU KNOW?

VWOOO

WHO ELSE COULD IT BE?

SIGNS INDICATE THAT THEY'RE FIGHTING.

THEY'VE CONFIRMED AN UNKNOWN CHAKRA WITH BORUTO.

LIKE AN OUTER?

...

MAYBE THERE'S AN ALLY WORKING WITH HIM...

HE SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY SENSING ABILITIES.

...

...THERE ISN'T AN OUTER WHO'S THAT SKILLED EITHER, AS FAR AS I KNOW.

I WON'T DISCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY, BUT...

HOW THE HECK DID HE FIND KAWAKI?

THAT WAS WAY TOO FAST.

...

...

OR ARE YOUR EARS PLUGGED UP WITH WAX?

ARE YOU LISTEN-ING?

...CONSID-ERING THE TROUBLE WE HAD TRYING TO LOCATE HIM.

IN ANY EVENT, WE SHOULD TAKE CODE'S APPEARANCE TO BE A GOOD THING...

MUTTER MUTTER

...

SO LONG AS WE GET RID OF CODE, THE EXISTENCE OF ANY ALLY WON'T MATTER.

LORD SEVENTH'S ALREADY HEADED THERE.

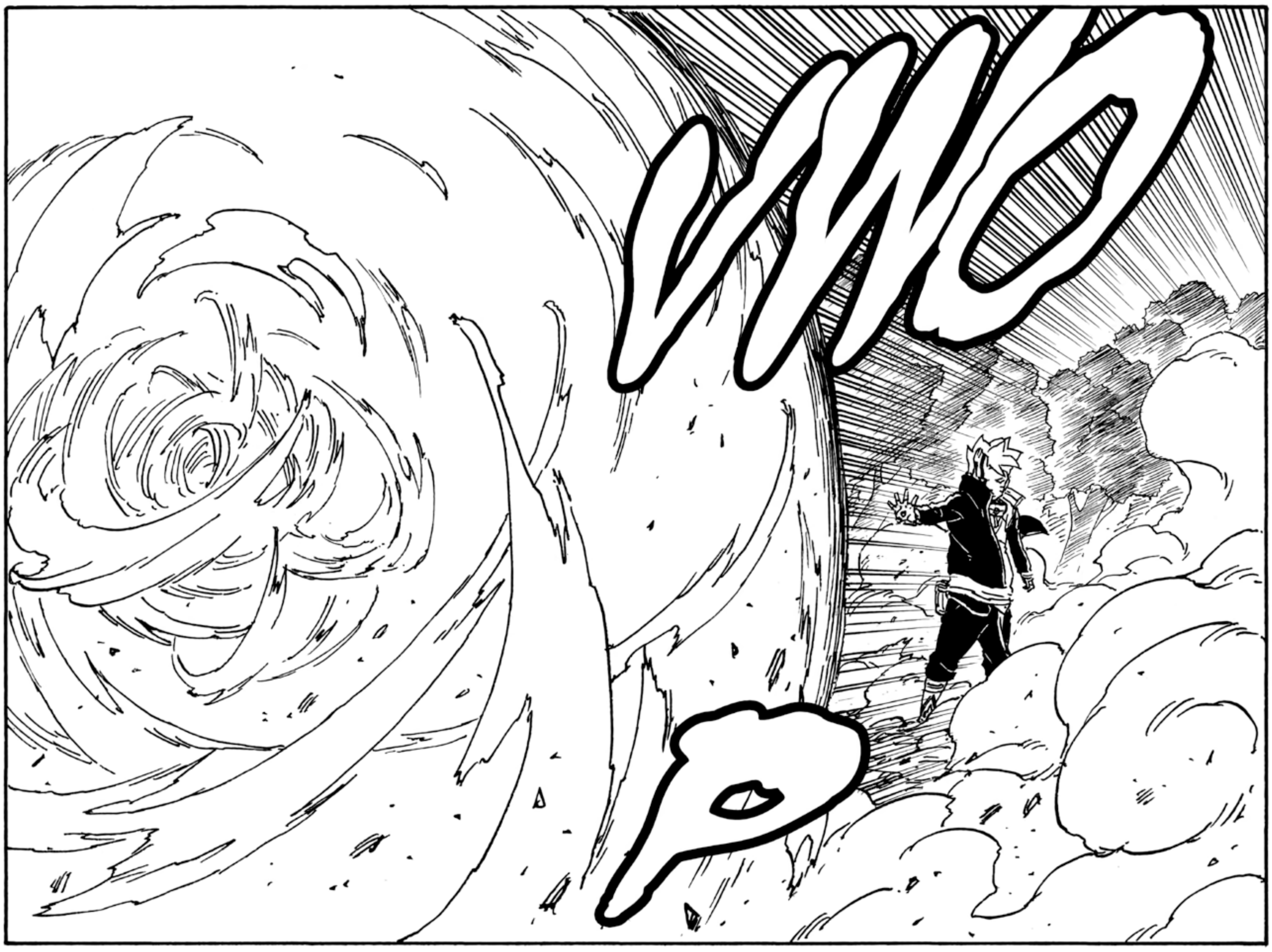
...

C'MON, KAWAKI.

MUTTER MUTTER

DON'T YOU MUCK IT UP NOW!

WE'VE GOTTEN THIS FAR...


WAH
!!

B-BFF

BOF

G-
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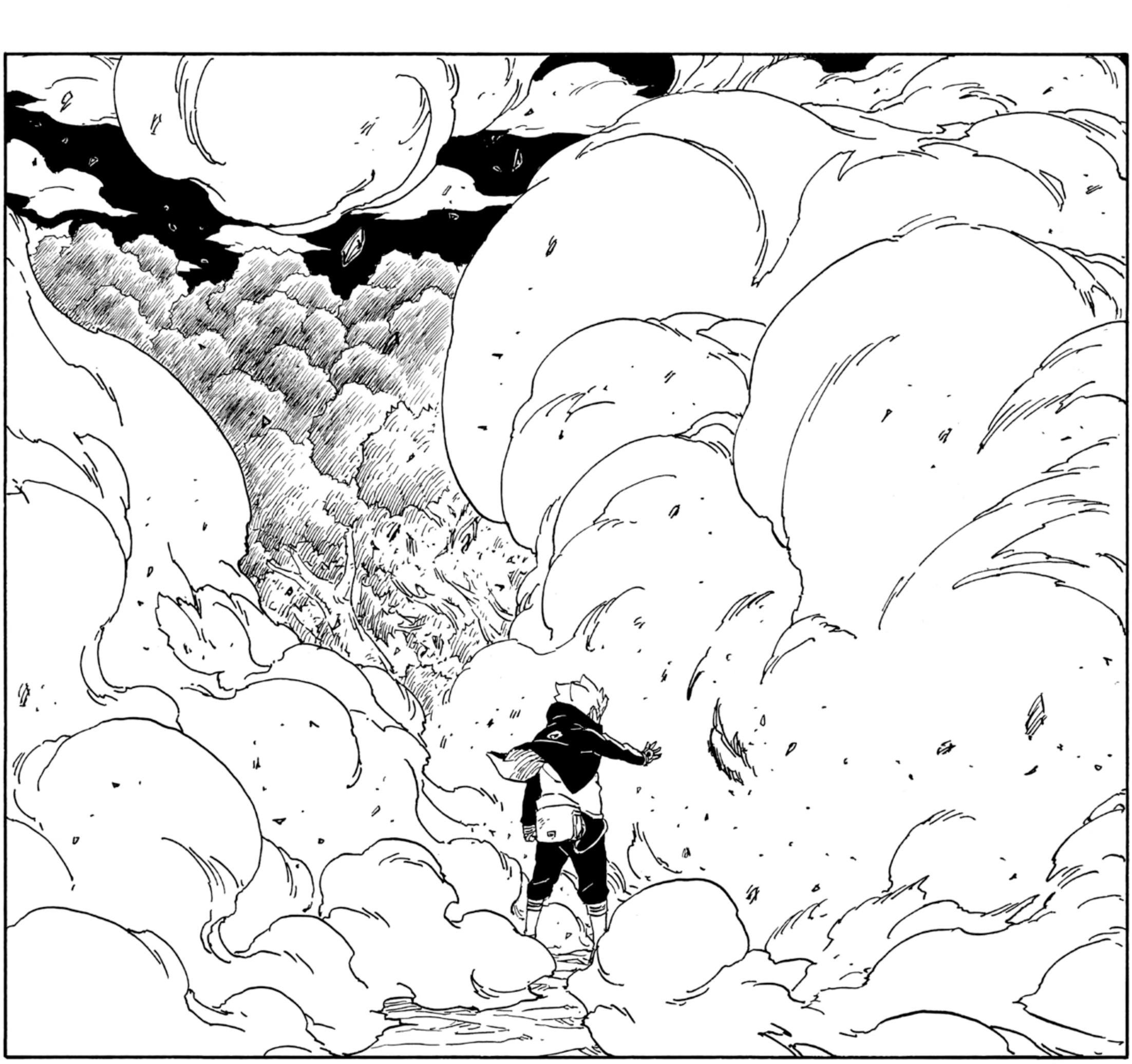
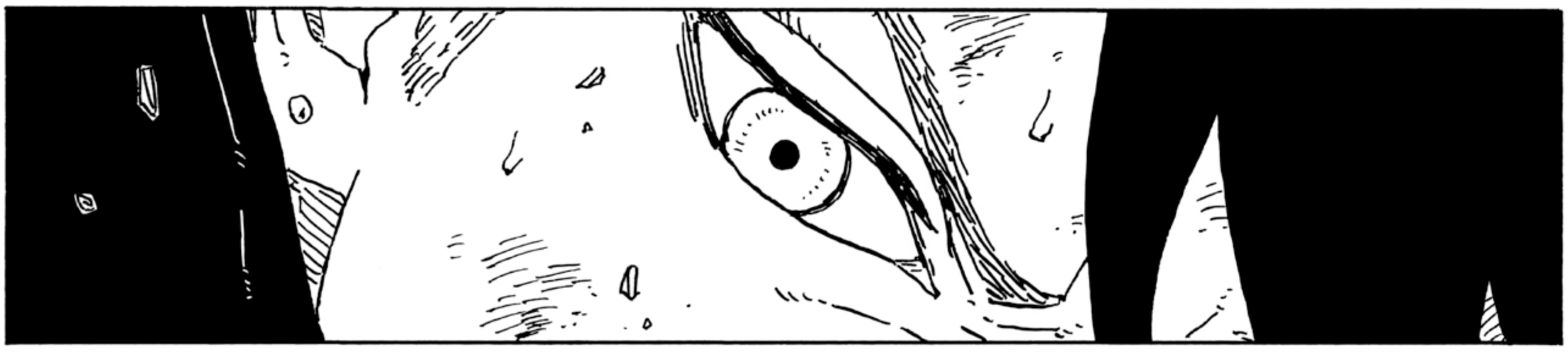
THERE'S NO WAY YOU'LL HOLD UP AGAINST AN OPPONENT THAT POWERFUL.

CODE, YOU MIGHT WANT TO RETREAT.

T-TAK





GRP

WHAP

WHEEN

WHOA, THERE.

DON'T YOU WANT THE CHAKRA FRUIT TOO, MOMOSHIKI?

THEN YOU'LL NEED HIM AS YOUR OHTSUTSUKI SACRIFICE TO FEED TO TEN TAILS.

YOU MIGHT WANT TO STAND DOWN.

I'M TAKING HIM WITH ME, FOR A PRIVATE MATTER.

IT WAS BRIEF, BUT STILL AN HONOR TO MEET YOU...

OHTSUTSUKI MOMOSHIKI.

FWD

ZWW

FFFF

*DAN MEANS "BULLET."

ISH!

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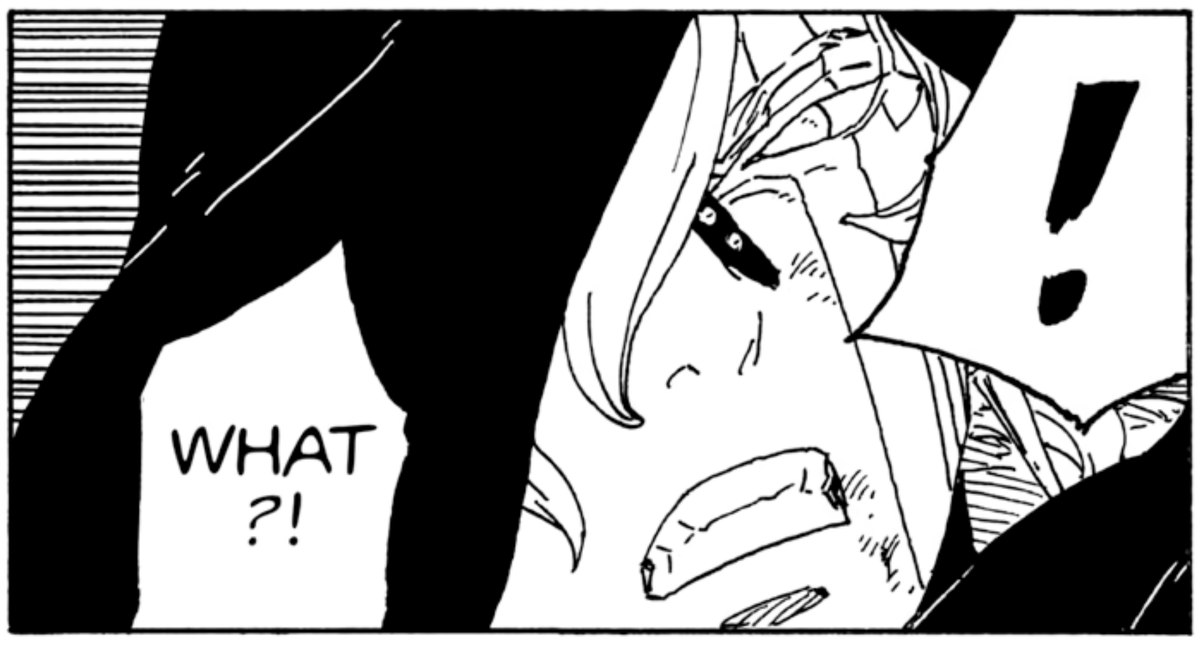
WHAT
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!

!
CODE
!!

WHAM

!

ZSHH

YOU CAN'T EVEN ABSORB JUTSU WITH IT, CAN YOU?

WHAT A DUD KARMA...

DSSH

UGH!

CODE!

CAN YOU HEAR ME?!

!

LEMME GO!!

DAMMIT!

YO SO H

BASTARD !!

HEY NOW, THAT'S NO WAY TO TALK TO THE ONE WHO RESCUED YOU.

BE NICE...

...OR I'LL BREAK ALL YOUR LIMBS AND SHUT YOU UP.

BAM

GGH!

REBEL-LIOUS IMP.

FINE ...

ZSH

UGH!

!

GKK

AS YOU WISH.

SQQQ

P

WE

?!

SHOOM

LORD SEVENTH !!

!

WHAT A PAIN IN THE BUTT!

IS BORUTO RUNNING AMOK AGAIN?!

HOKAGE!

BIND

WHAP

KOOO

I THINK YOU SHOULD CALL IT A DAY.

AND NOW IT'S TOTAL MAYHEM.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

DAMMIT! HE ABSORBED IT!!

INTER-ESTING.

SMIRK

HIS SECOND, NARA SHIKA-MARU, IS HERE TOO.

GUH...

...

HAS THAT BASTARD MOMOSHIKI TAKEN OVER HIS BODY AGAIN?!

YOU OKAY, KAWAKI?!!

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH BORUTO ?!

?!

I AIN'T OKAY AT ALL!!!!

?

KAWAKI?

WHY THE HECK DIDJA COME?!!

OR ELSE YOU REALLY WILL GET KILLED!!!!

RUN AWAY!!!

HURRY!!!

NO, LORD SEVENTH!!

...I'M THE HOKAGE. I CANNOT AND WILL NOT RUN...

...FROM AN ENEMY THAT THREATENS MY VILLAGE.

I APPRE-CIATE YOUR CONCERN, BUT...

...

!

UGH!

!

SHIKA-MARU!!

GAH !!

TAKE EVEN ONE STEP...

...AND I'LL SLIT HIS THROAT OPEN AND KILL HIM.

NO SUDDEN MOVES, HOKAGE.

NOW LISTEN...

BASTARD !!!

!

I KNEW WHAT THE RISKS WERE, AND THERE'S NO OTHER WAY!

YOU GOTTA DO WHAT'S BEST!!

DON'T WORK YOURSELF UP ABOUT IT!!

JUST TAKE HIM DOWN, WITHOUT REGARD FOR ME!!

DAMMIT!! SHAME ON ME.

SURE, NO PROBLEM!

C'MON, GET TO IT!!

SHAD-DUP.

YOU WANT ME TO JUST KILL YOU?

LISTEN TO ME, NARUTO!!

...!

...CODE.

I THINK I SHALL HELP YOU...

FASCI-NATING.

SHU

HMPH.

!

KILL THE HOKAGE, THAT IS.

BE MY GUEST.

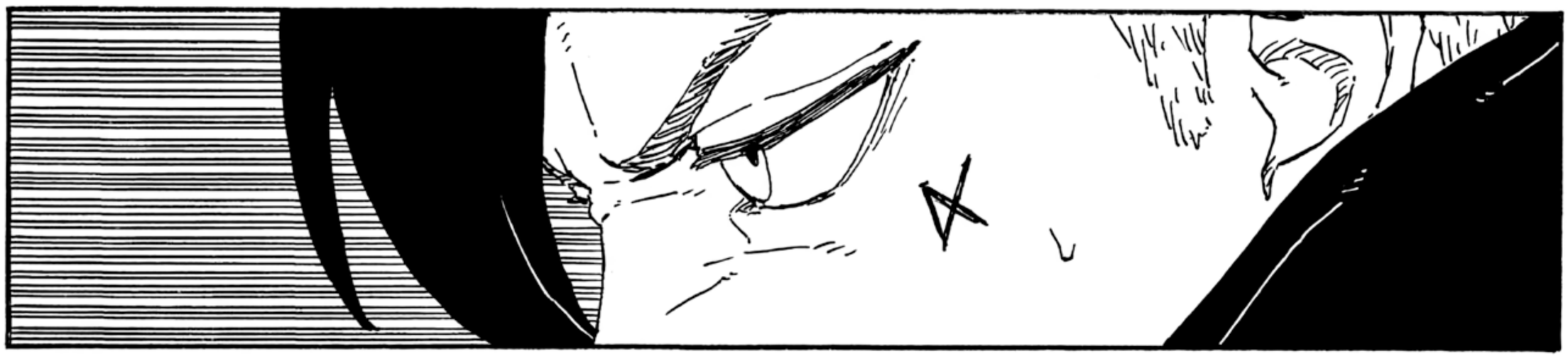
HE'S A NUISANCE TO ME AS WELL.

SSH

IT'S THE ONLY OPTION!!

DO IT, NARUTO!! FIGHT THEM!!

DAMMIT !!



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KAWAKI!
STOP!!!
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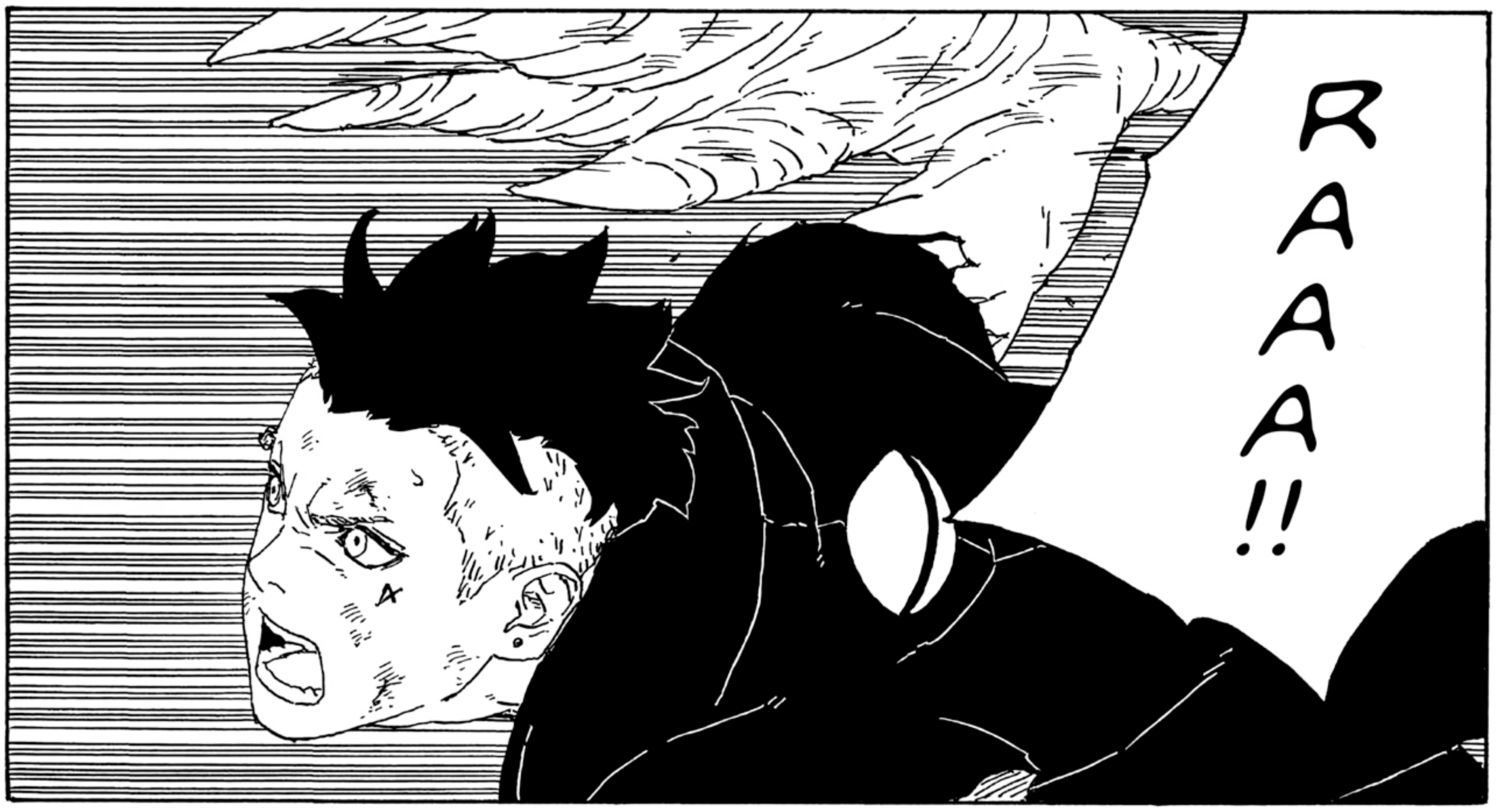
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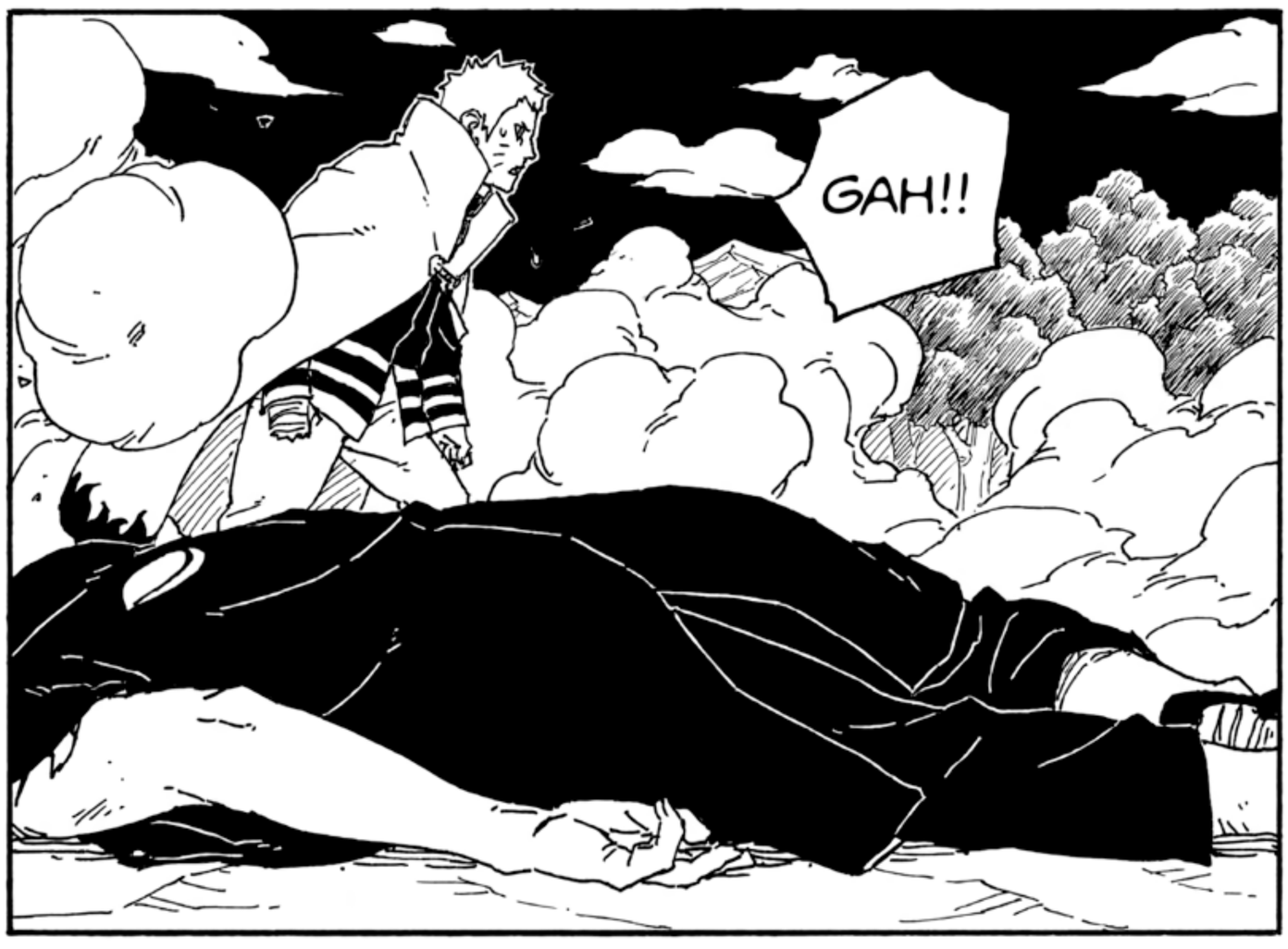
FIST

KAWAKI
!!

ZSHH


GAH!!

DON'T MOVE, HOKAGE!
YOU WANT HIM TO DIE?

WHAT DO I DO?!!!

DAMMIT!!

UGH...

!!

FWD

RESIGN YOURSELF. NO MATTER HOW STRONG ONE IS...

...THE END IS OFTEN PITIFULLY ABRUPT.

CHECK-MATE, HOKAGE...

SHUP

MASSIVE ...

...RASEN-GAN.

KAYOOSH

VWOOOO

NARUTO!!!

VWEEE

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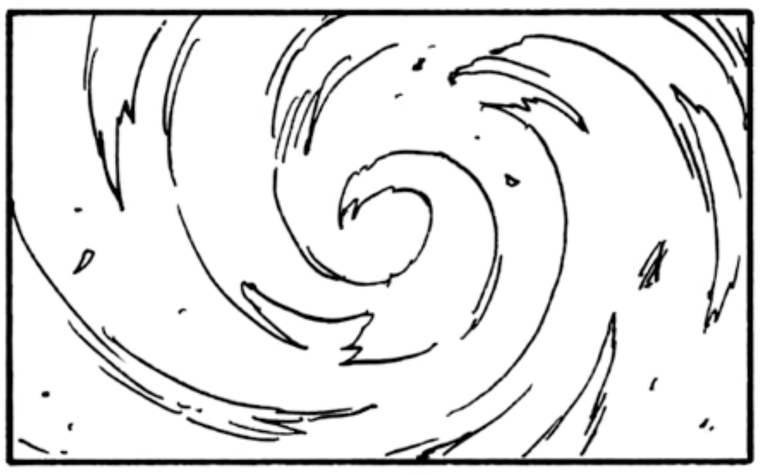
GWOOO

WHA...

!

GWWWW



IT'S GETTING ABSORBED?!
!!!

...GRIEF OVER LOSING THE KARMA?

OR...

IS IT POWERLESS-NESS THAT'S IRRITATING YOU?

...IN THE FORM OF A KARMA THAT'S PURELY...

BRAND-NEW POWER...

SO TAKE IT FOR YOURSELF.

ESPECIALLY SINCE ISSHIKI'S GONE FOR GOOD.

...A WEAPON.

!

KAWAKI!

NO WAY! THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!!

WHAT THE HECK'S GOING ON?!

Number 66: Do-or-Die

BORUTO

-NARUTO NEXT GENERATIONS-

BRAND-NEW POWER...

SO TAKE IT FOR YOURSELF.

...IN THE FORM OF A KARMA THAT'S PURELY A WEAPON.

YOU WANT TO PROTECT LORD HOKAGE, RIGHT?

YOU NEED MORE POWER TO DEAL WITH CODE.

THE CHOICE...

IT'S ALL UP TO YOU, KAWAKI.

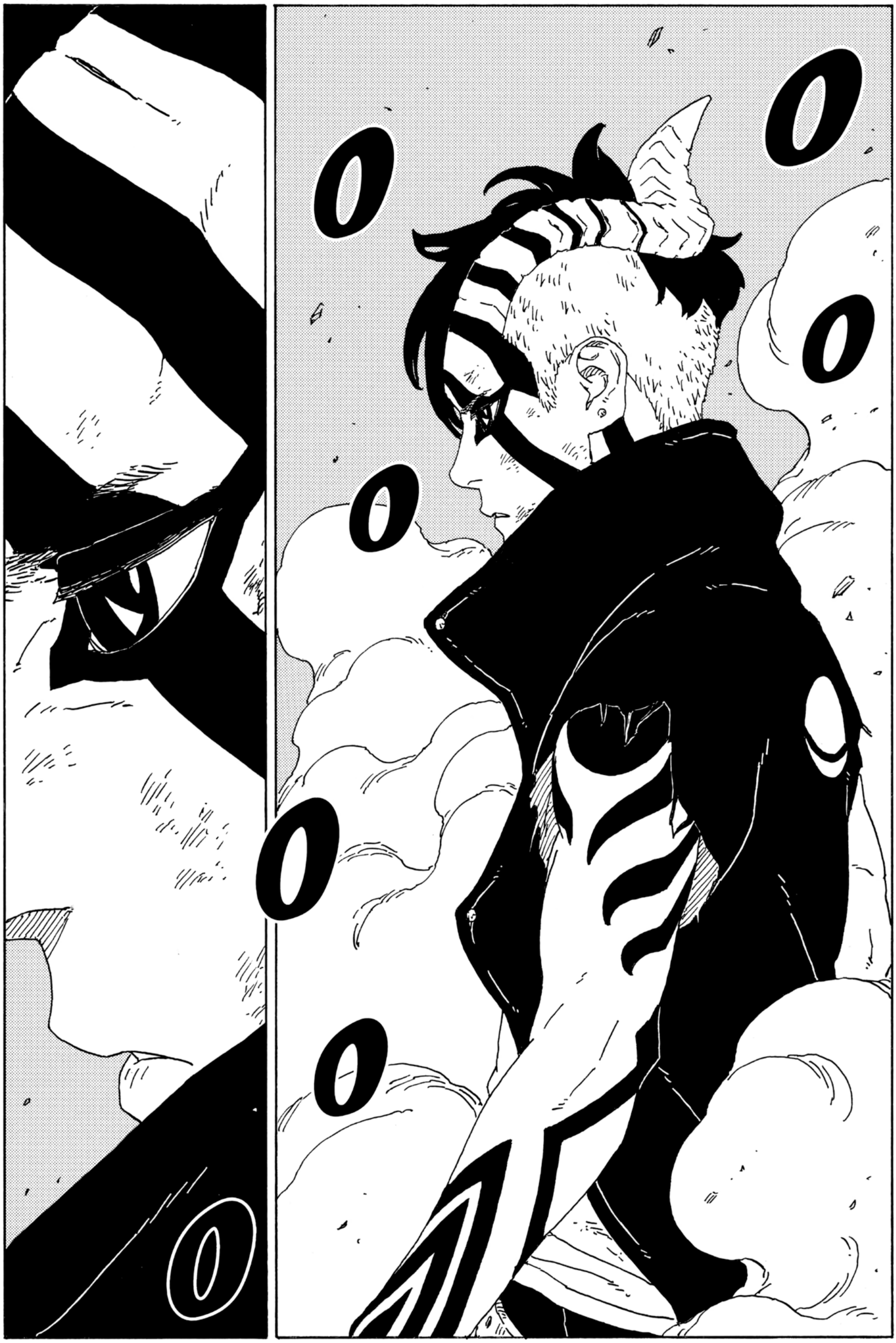
...IS IN YOUR HANDS.

AND I...

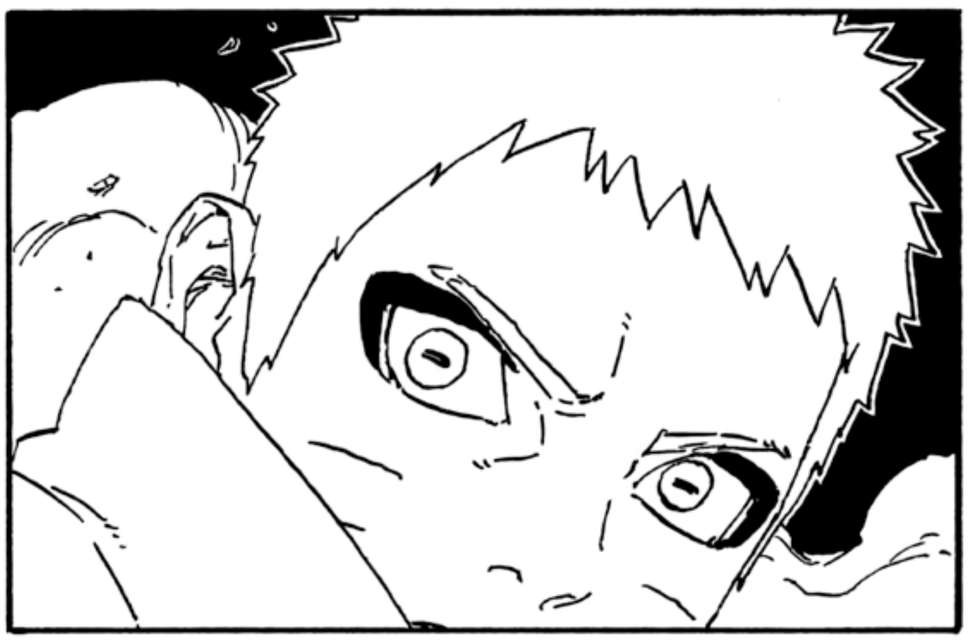
YOU HAVE THE BASE CRITERIA.

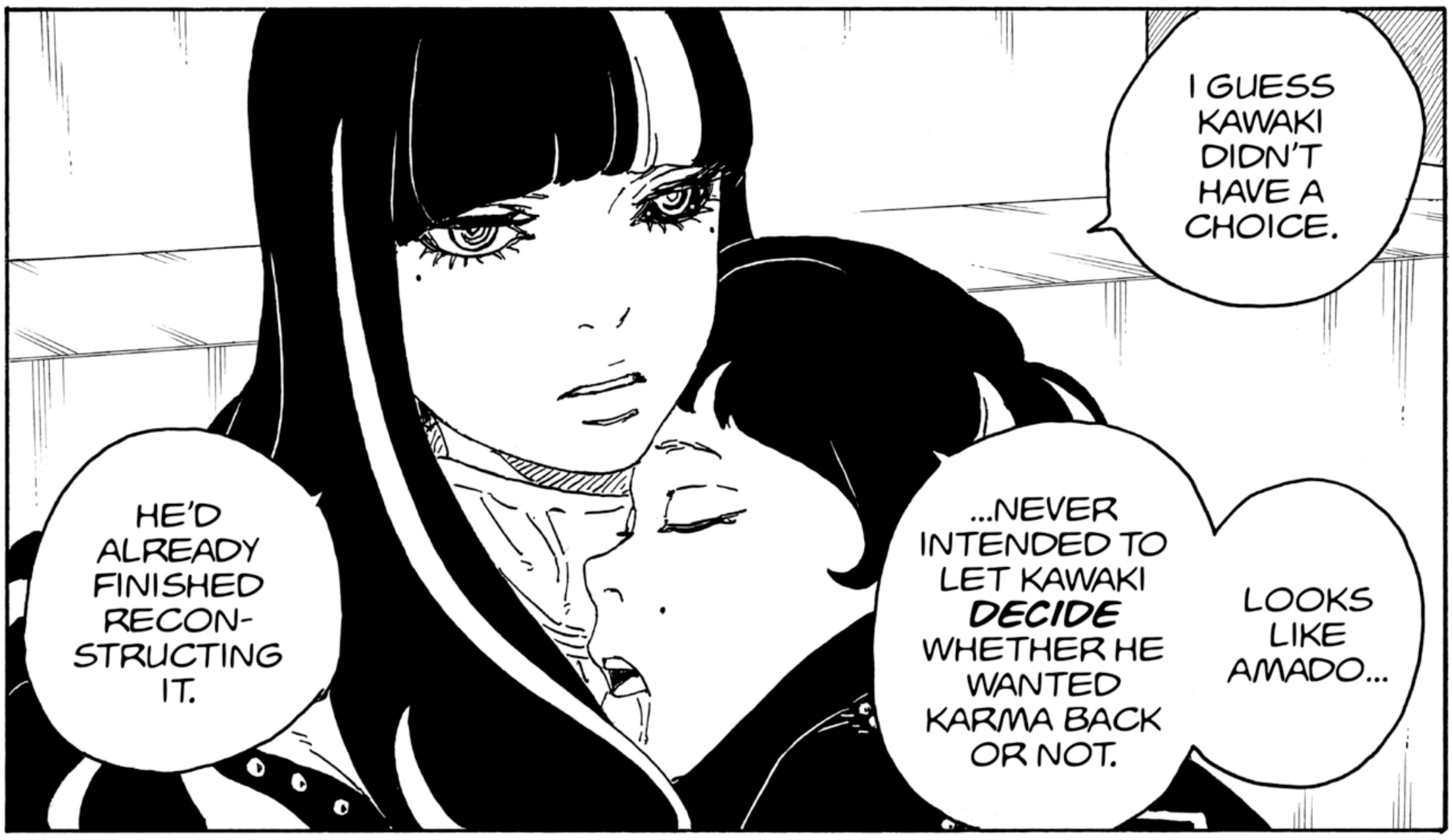
...CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN.

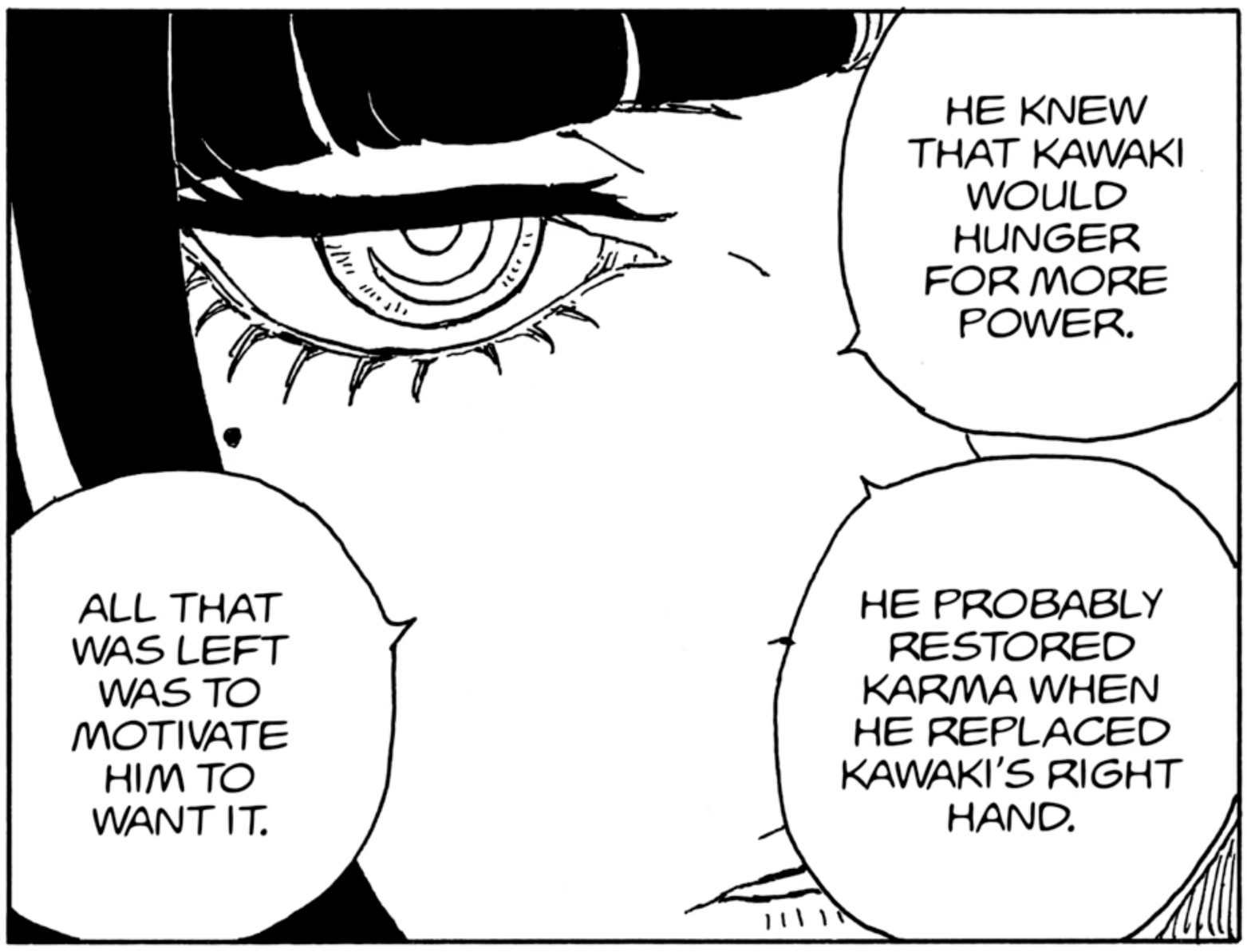
ENOUGH TO TAKE HIM DOWN.

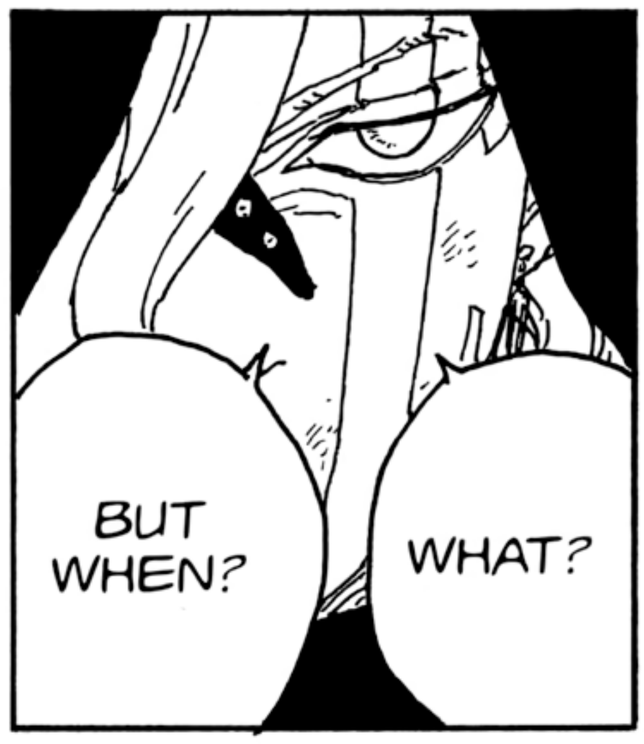


HOW DOES HE HAVE KARMA AGAIN?
WHAT THE HECK?




HE'D ALREADY FINISHED RECON-STRUCTING IT.
I GUESS KAWAKI DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE.
...NEVER INTENDED TO LET KAWAKI *DECIDE* WHETHER HE WANTED KARMA BACK OR NOT.
LOOKS LIKE AMADO...


ALL THAT WAS LEFT WAS TO MOTIVATE HIM TO WANT IT.
HE KNEW THAT KAWAKI WOULD HUNGER FOR MORE POWER.
HE PROBABLY RESTORED KARMA WHEN HE REPLACED KAWAKI'S RIGHT HAND.


BUT WHEN?
WHAT?

...HE USED US TO BE THE FINAL PUSH TO AWAKEN KAWAKI'S POWER...?

WHICH MEANS...

...

HE HAS AN ALLY SOME-WHERE?

HE'S TALKING WITH SOME-ONE...

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...

WHAT A SURPRISE.

IT'S NOT USUALLY POSSIBLE FOR A KARMA THAT IS LOST TO MANIFEST AGAIN.

...

KAWAKI!

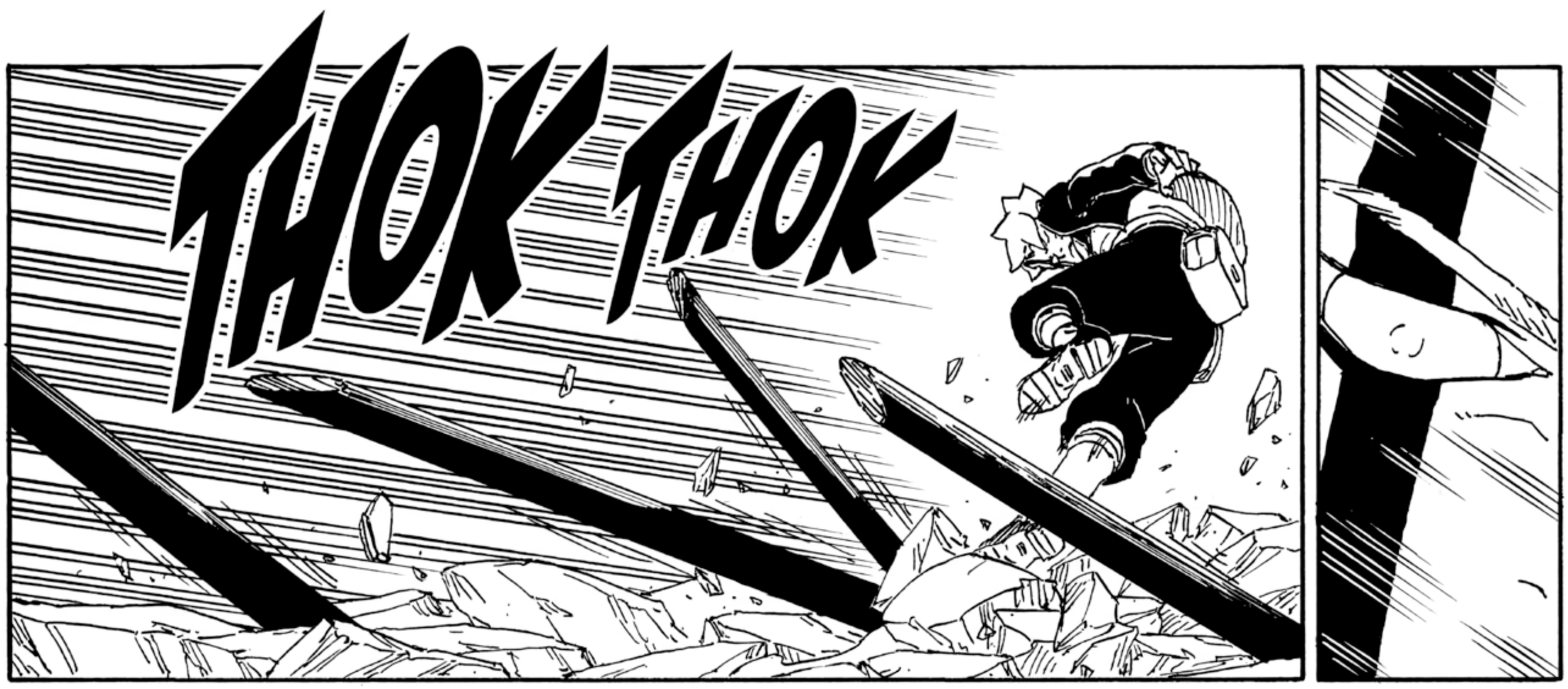
WHAT IS HE SCHEM-ING?

IS THIS THAT GEEZER AMADO'S DOING?

GO ON, JUST KEEP LETTING YOURSELF BE USED BY OTHERS...

YOU FOOL...

...UNTIL YOU GET FED TO TEN TAILS.


THOK THOK

THAT JUTSU! IT'S...

!!

WHIR

WHO WHO WHO

TAK TAK

WHO

GO GO GO GO

UGH !!

THIS POWER...

IT'S JUST LIKE...

VWOOOOO

...TRYING TO MAKE KAWAKI INTO A SECOND ISSHIKI?

DAIKOKUTEN, WHICH LETS THE USER RETRIEVE THINGS FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION...

...AND EVEN SUKUNAHIKONA, WHICH SHRINKS VARIOUS OBJECTS...

IS AMADO...

I'M STARTING TO UNDER-STAND...

I SEE...

KAWAKI !!

SHOULDN'T YOU BE FOCUSING ON STAYING STILL...

...LORD SEVENTH?

NOT THAT I CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO HIM.

THOSE ABILITIES ...

WHAT'S GOING ON?

!

NO, MORE IMPOR-TANTLY...

...ARE YOU PLANNING TO GO?

KAWAKI...

...HOW FAR...

I'LL DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE...

FOR YOU.

...

BOP

RASENGAN!!

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WHOOSH
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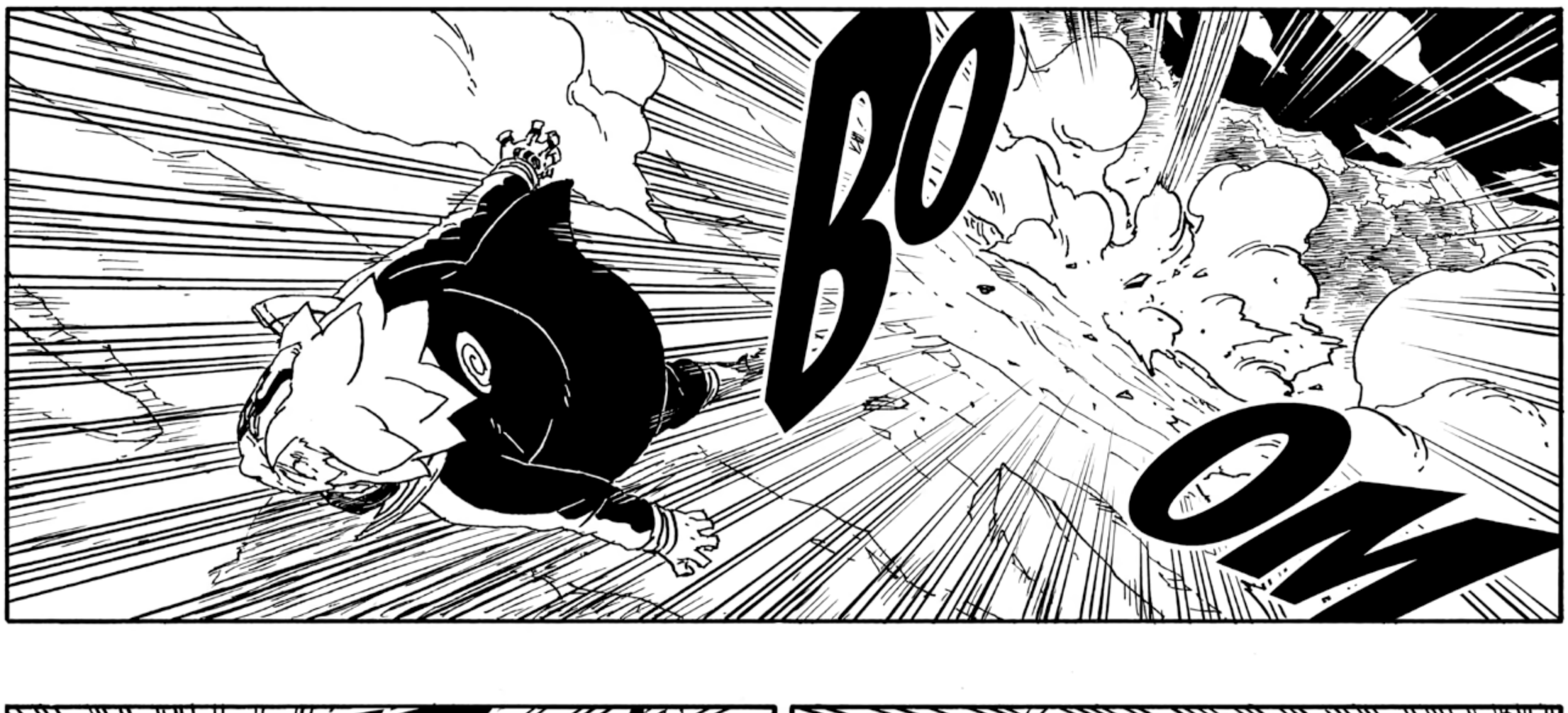
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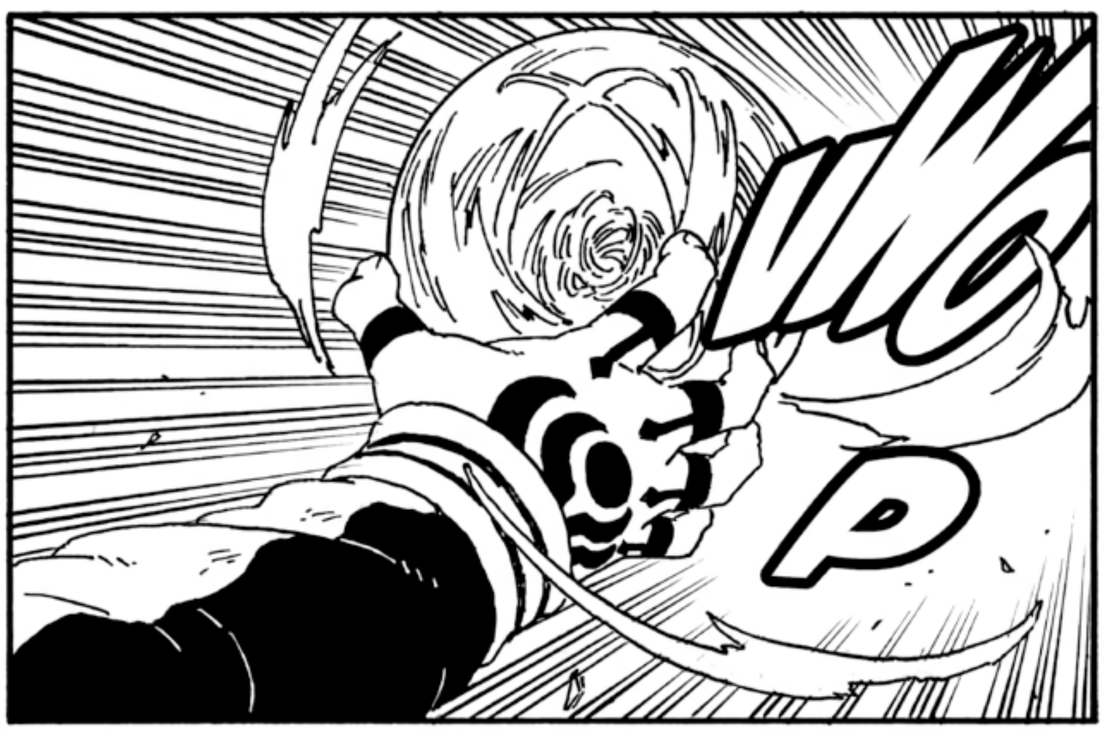
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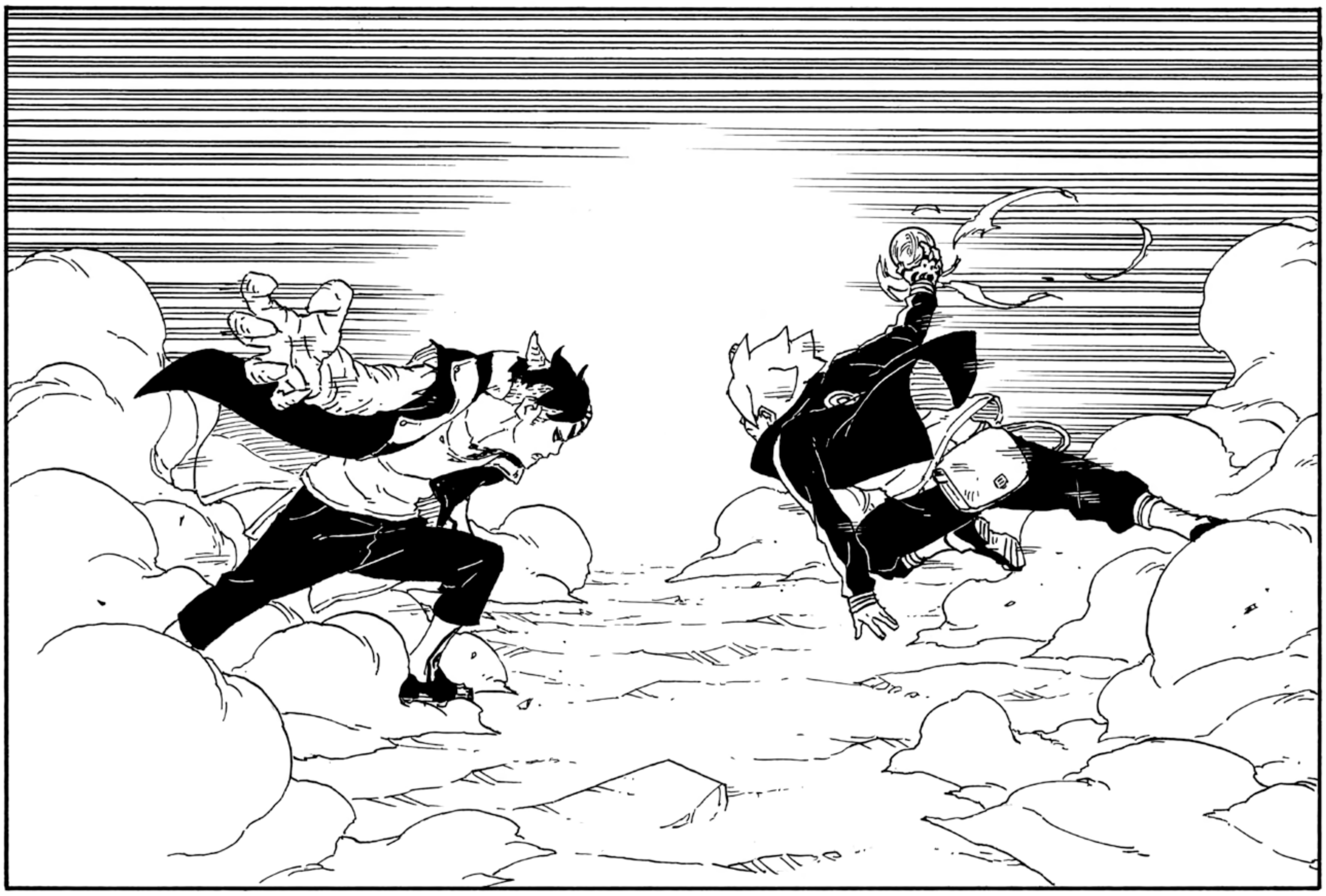

KABOOM
SHI

PLIK!
PLIK

WHP

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BLINK

GAH!

FWAP

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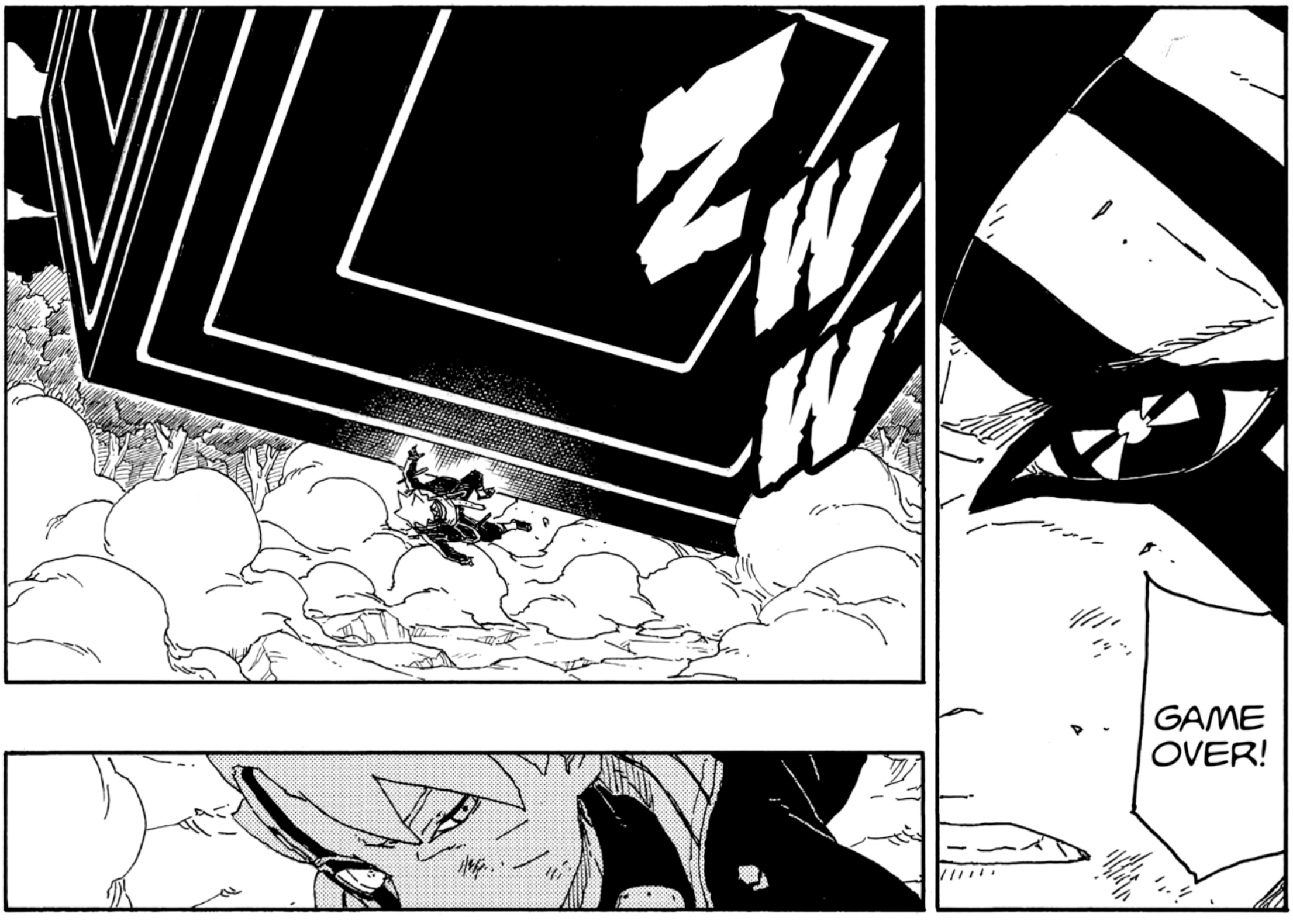
THOK THOK

DAMMIT!!


GAME
OVER!

SHUP

AWW, THE HOKAGE MOVED.

TSK.

LET'S WAIT AND SEE.

BUT FORGET IT, THERE'S NO POINT IN KILLING YOU NOW.

!

...I'M DOING WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

I TOLD YOU...

IT'S DO-OR-DIE NOW.

THAT'S ENOUGH, KAWAKI!!

ARE YOU REALLY PLANNING TO KILL HIM?!

HE'S MY SON!!

DON'T BE RIDICU-LOUS!!

...HE'S A DEMON WHO IS TARGETING YOUR LIFE.

YES, BUT AT THE SAME TIME...

...

THE REAL ISSUE HERE IS THAT YOU AREN'T ABLE TO DO IT YOURSELF.

THAT DOESN'T MATTER.

SO I'LL DO IT.

MOVE ASIDE, LORD SEVENTH.

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND?!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S BEING A DEMON!!

THERE IS NO OTHER WAY!!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO NEEDS TO FACE REALITY!

COOL YOUR HEAD, KAWAKI!!

YOU'VE GOTTA BE JOKING!!

FWAP

BORUTO
...

ARE YOU BACK WITH US?

BORUTO!

GGGG

GAH!

HE'S WOKEN UP ALREADY!

WHA

AC

P

DAMN BRAT...

YOU SHOULD STAY ASLEEP FOR YOUR OWN GOOD!

QUIT INTER-FERING.

YOU STAY ASLEEP.

I'VE BEEN ABLE TO CONTROL MOMOSHIKI'S POWER TO AN EXTENT.

AMADO'S MEDS DO SEEM TO WORK.

BUT IT'S ONLY TEMPORARY.

TALK ABOUT SOME AWFUL SIDE EFFECTS.

IT'S FAR FROM A SOLUTION. I MEAN, LOOK AT WHAT JUST HAPPENED.

...

I CAME THIS CLOSE...

...TO KILLING MY OWN DAD.

...

OH YEAH.

I REMEMBER.

I'LL SOMEHOW GET RID OF YOUR KARMA.

I SWEAR IT.

BORUTO ...

...DO YOU REMEMBER?

WHAT I SAID TO YOU ONCE?

AND I'VE COME TO REALIZE TODAY...

...THAT WE'RE...

...GONNA HAVE TO GO THROUGH WITH OUR LAST-RESORT PLAN.

...

YEAH.

UNFORTU-NATELY.

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

HOLD ON A MINUTE...

...

WAIT...

NO, WAIT!!

GIVE MY BEST TO MOM AND HIMA.

I'M SORRY, DAD.

FSH

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO?!!

GRAB

DON'T DO ANYTHING RASH!!

WIND STYLE...
GALE PALM.

ISHH

UGH!

I TAKE IT YOU'RE READY...

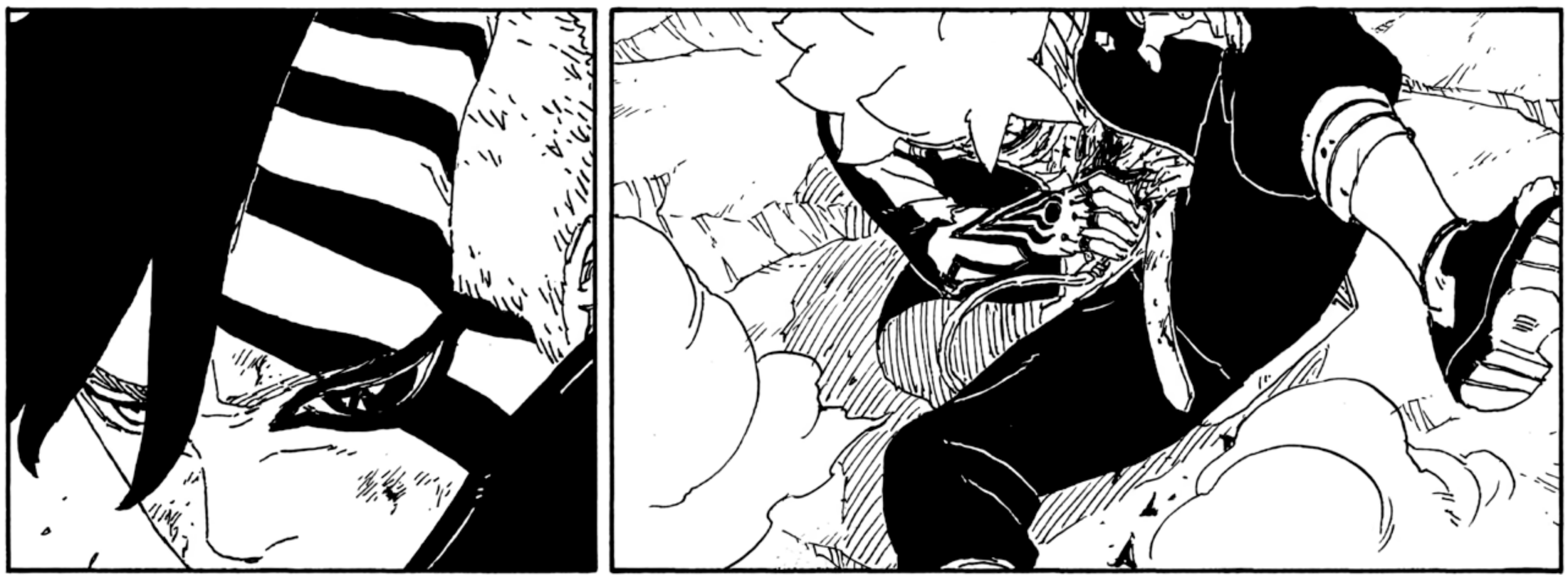
...BO-RUTO?

SO WHILE MY MIND IS STILL HOLDING MOMOSHIKI AT BAY...

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I CAN ASK THIS OF.

DO IT...

...BRO!!



BORUTO!!

BORUTO

-NARUTO NEXT GENERATIONS-

Number 67: Rift

SSSH

GRP

BORUTO !!

THIS CAN'T BE HAPPEN-ING!!

...

N-NO...

BORUTO !!

O O O O

...SUPPOSED TO BE YOUR PRECIOUS DIVINE TREE SACRIFICE?

WASN'T BORUTO...

I THINK THIS IS BEYOND "YEESH," CODE!

YEESH...

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?!

THIS IS TOTALLY UNEX-PECTED...

DON'T TAKE THIS THE WRONG WAY, OKAY?

MOVE ON. NOTHING ELSE WE CAN DO.

BUT I DO NEED TO SAY ONE THING.

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF INTER-FERING WITH YOUR GOALS.

...KAWAKI WOULD REGAIN KARMA, MUCH LESS KILL BORUTO?

WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT ...

...

I CAN'T GIVE YOU A RESPONSE TO THAT RIGHT NOW.

WELL...

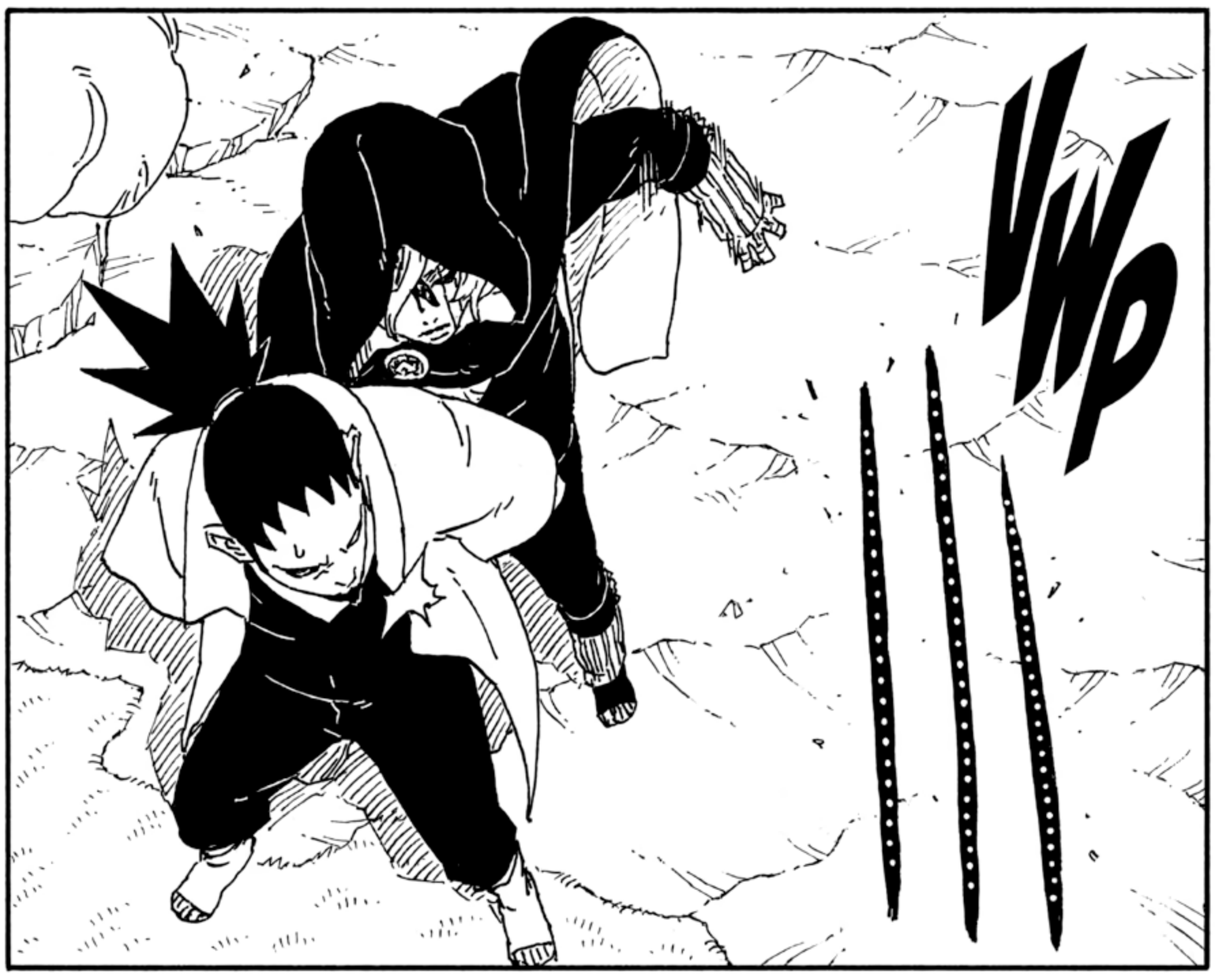
LET'S TALK IT OUT.

I'LL HEAD BACK.

DON'T YOU DARE...

I WILL NOT ALLOW IT. PERIOD.

...EVEN *THINK* ABOUT USING KAWAKI FOR THE SACRIFICE.



KILLING MY PRECIOUS SACRIFICE...

YOU'VE REALLY DONE IT NOW, KAWAKI.

ACQUIRING POWER WON'T CHANGE ANYTHING. YOU'LL STILL NEVER BE FREE FOR YOUR ENTIRE LIFE.

THAT'S THE FATE YOU BEAR. I KNOW IT WELL.

SOMEONE WILL ALWAYS BE LEADING YOU AROUND BY THE NOSE.

I'M RETREATING TEMPORARILY.

I HAVE AN URGENT MATTER.

BUT REMEMBER THIS...

THD

UGH!

LATER.

WE'LL MEET AGAIN.

TAK

PHOOSH

?!

!!

WHAT THE ...?!

WHMP

UGH!

HE SHRANK MY CLAW MARKS SMALL ENOUGH...

...THAT I CAN'T USE THEM TO TRAVEL!!

SUKUNA-HIKONA!!

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0

FP

SHUP

GAH...

YOU'RE IN NO POSITION TO ARROGANTLY TALK ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE'S FATES...

SEEMS YOU DON'T GET IT.

SHUP

...CODE.

BOOST

!

SO WHAT MAKES YOU THINK...

...I'D LET YOU GET AWAY?

I'LL ELIMINATE ***ANYONE*** THREATEN-ING LORD SEVENTH'S LIFE...

...EVEN MY BRO.

SHK

EEN

TAK

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HE'S...!

ISHH

GGH!!

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M

...BEING COMPLETELY OVER-POWERED!

NO WAY... I'M...

THIS IS BAD!

OSHHH

NGH!!

GAH!

TAK

VWOOOOO

!

BORUTO
!!

BORU-
TO!!

C'MON
!!

NARUTO
!!

OPEN
YOUR
EYES!!

BORUTO!!!

THIS CAN'T BE.. DAMMIT!!

AM I DREAM-ING THIS?

SHIKA-MARU...

AM I...

HE'S EVEN COME OUT OF SAGE MODE!

!

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GRP

PULL YOURSELF TOGETH-ER!!

NARUTO, YOU OKAY?!

NARUTO !!

THIS DIDN'T REALLY HAPPEN, RIGHT?

TELL ME THIS IS ALL A LIE!

NARUTO, I KNOW YOU'RE IN PAIN...

...BUT THE BATTLE'S NOT OVER YET!

WHOOSH

WHP

THK

NARUTO !!

KAWAKI'S GOT THE UPPER HAND AGAINST CODE!

LET'S HELP KAWAKI TAKE HIM DOWN NOW!!

CODE GETTING AWAY WOULD BE A BIG PROBLEM...

!

BORUTO ***CHOSE*** THIS HIM-SELF!! TO PROTECT THE REST OF US!!

SNAP OUT OF IT!!

THIS IS NO TIME FOR YOU TO LOSE YOUR GRIP!!!

YOU'RE THE HOKAGE, REMEM-BER?!!

ZSHH

NGH!

SHUP

SHUP

AT THIS RATE, I'M GOING DOWN...

DAMMIT!!

AND TO KAWAKI, OF ALL PEOPLE!!

FSH

...BUT IF THEY'RE AGAINST LORD SEVENTH, NO MERCY FOR THEM EITHER.

THIS PERSON WHO WANTS TO MEET ME.

I DON'T KNOW THEIR MOTIVES...

W

BUT YOU'RE FIRST.

WING

P

BAM

WHOA !!

DSHHH

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WHAT THE--

WHY'D **KAWAKI** GET BLOWN AWAY?!

WHAT HAP-PENED ?!

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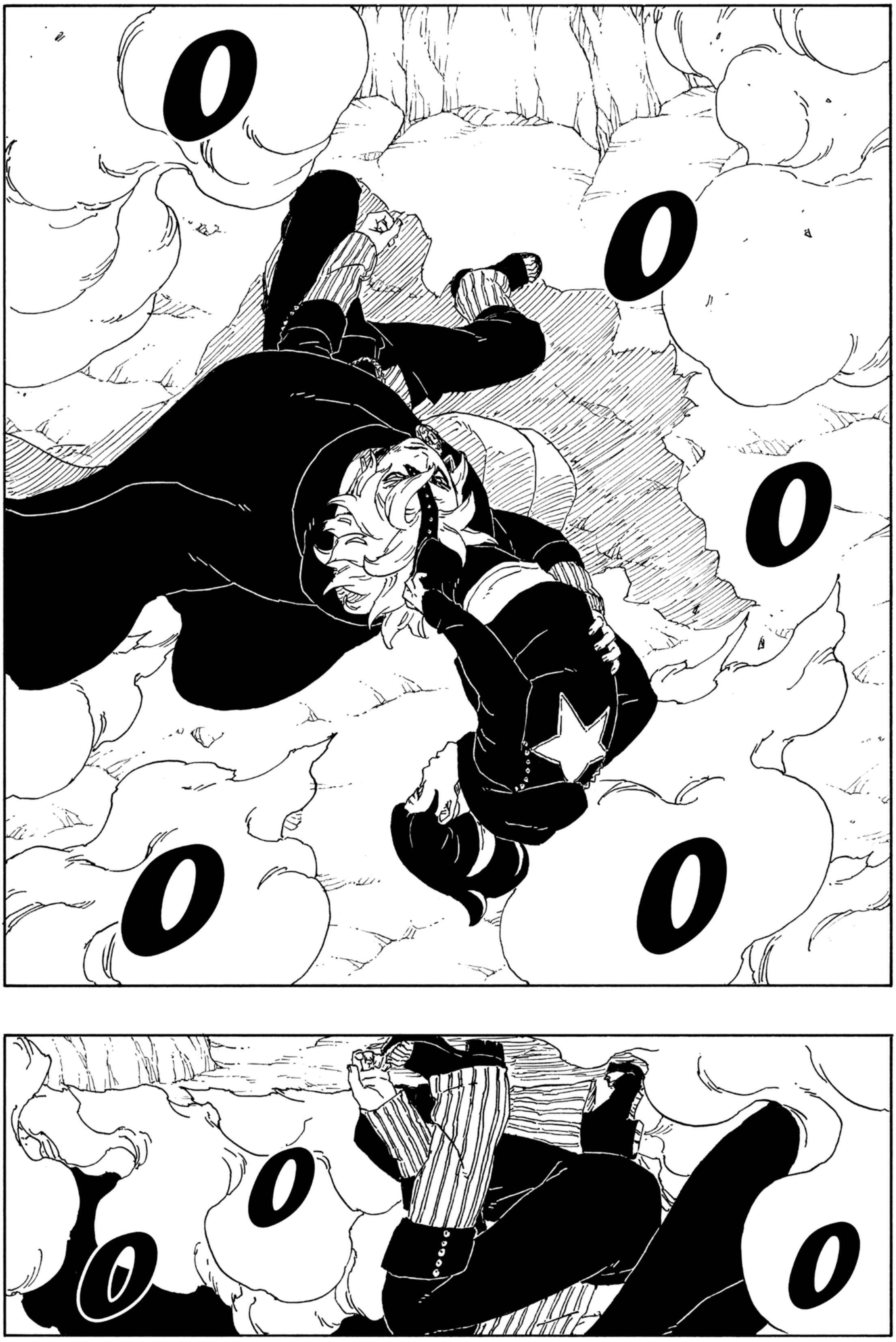


HUH?!

WHERE AM I?!

...PULLED DAEMON THROUGH WITHOUT WARNING.

CODE !!

HE JUST ...

SORRY TO HAVE WOKEN YOU, DAEMON.

BUT I'M SAVED...

...THANKS TO YOUR RE-FLECTING ABILITY.

HEY, YOU FIGHTING, CODE?!

I'LL CRUSH 'EM FOR YA!!

WHO'S THE ENEMY?!

WHAT THE?!

WHO'S THAT KID?!

OH!

AWW, BOOOR-ING!

ZLRP

GRP

NO, NO, IT JUST WRAPPED UP.

YOU CAN GO HOME, DAEMON. WE'LL TALK LATER.

KAWAKI BETTER BE OKAY.

YOU'RE DOING AS YOU PLEASE AN AWFUL LOT, CODE.

VWP

ZWG

...

I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW, IF ANYTHING SHOULD HAPPEN TO HIM...

...YOU'LL BE CERTAIN TO REGRET IT.

OH? GOOD.

...I'D HAVE SENT DAEMON BACK OVER... IN ORDER TO DISPOSE OF YOU.

BUT IT'S REALLY YOU WHO CAN BREATHE EASY, CODE. FOR HAD YOUR ANSWER BEEN DIFFERENT...

YOUR PRINCE IS ALIVE.

RELAX, EIDA.

...

...

LOOKS LIKE I DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST YOU RIGHT NOW...

I DON'T LIKE THIS ONE BIT, BUT...

...I HAVE TO GIVE IT TO YOU.

...KAWAKI.

YOU'RE GONNA RESTORE MY TRUE POWER TO ME...

...AMADO.

I GOTTA GET MY LIMITERS REMOVED.

HE RAN OFF...

...

DWOOSH

...HOW WE'RE GONNA DEAL WITH HIM.

REGARDING KAWAKI.

WE NEED TO CONSIDER...

...

WHAT KAWAKI DID...

...WASN'T HIS FAULT ALONE.

EVEN GIVEN THE SITUATION...

...HE DIDN'T HESITATE AT ALL!

C'MON!

HE KILLED HIS OWN COMRADE!

...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

CONSIDER?

WHAT I SEE AS THE BIGGEST ISSUE HERE...

THAT'S WHAT TODAY HAS MADE CRYSTAL CLEAR!

...IS THAT HE'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES FOR THE SAKE OF HIS GOALS.

...BUT THIS TO DEAL WITH MOMOSHIKI'S POWER.

HOWEVER!

MAYBE NOT.

SOONER OR LATER, WE MIGHT NOT HAVE HAD ANY OTHER CHOICE...

BUT THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO THINK HARD ABOUT WHAT WE'RE GONNA DO.

NO.

I DON'T PLAN TO ABANDON OUR RESPON-SIBILITIES.

WE HAVE THE OTHER VILLAGES TO CON-SIDER.

SO THEN WHAT?

THERE'VE ALREADY BEEN NEGATIVE REACTIONS TO HIM...

THERE'LL LIKELY BE BACKLASH WITHIN KONOHA TOO...

...CUZ HE'S TOO MUCH FOR US FOR HANDLE?

YOU SUGGEST-ING WE DRIVE HIM OFF...

...

HE'S PRACTICALLY A PART OF OUR FAMILY.

BORUTO... CONSIDERS KAWAKI A BROTHER.

IF HIS FAMILY CAN'T STAND BY HIM AT A TIME LIKE THIS...

...***WHO'S*** GONNA TAKE HIS SIDE?

...OR WHAT ANYONE SAYS...

NO MATTER WHAT HE DOES...

...

STOP IT...

EVEN NOW, YOU CAN REALLY...

...THINK OF HIM AS FAMILY?

...IN YOUR HEART...

IS THAT HOW YOU TRULY FEEL...

...

...NARUTO?

HE KILLED ...

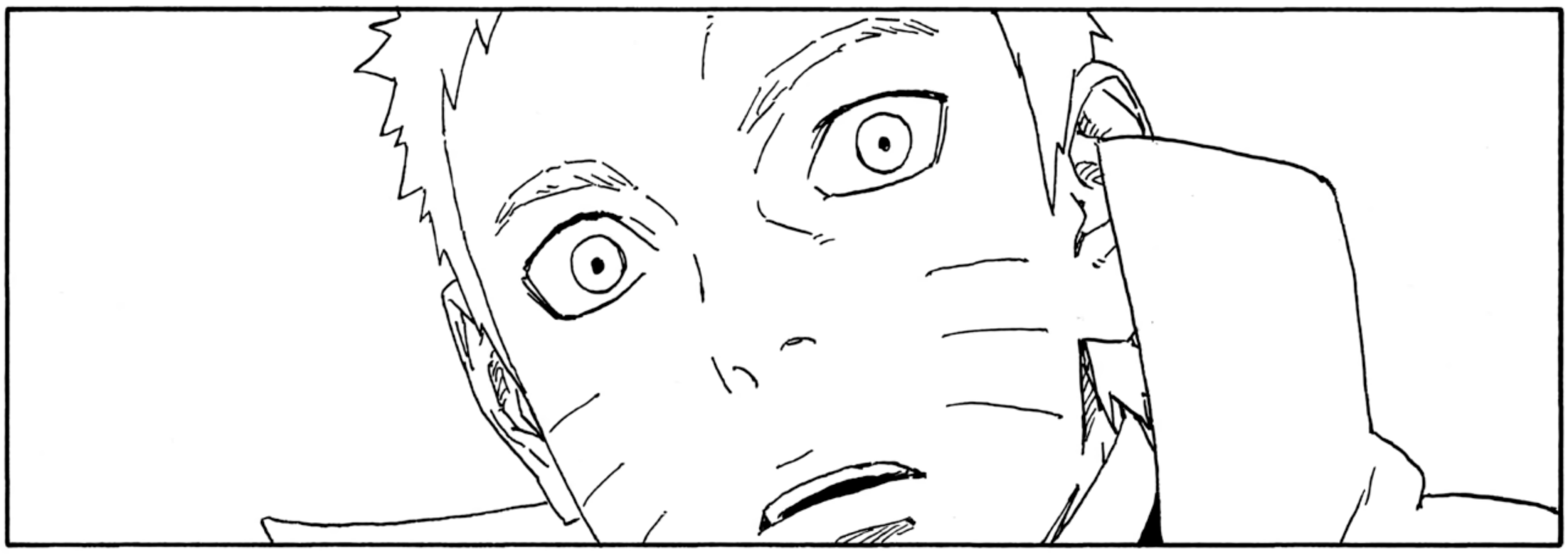
...YOUR SON!

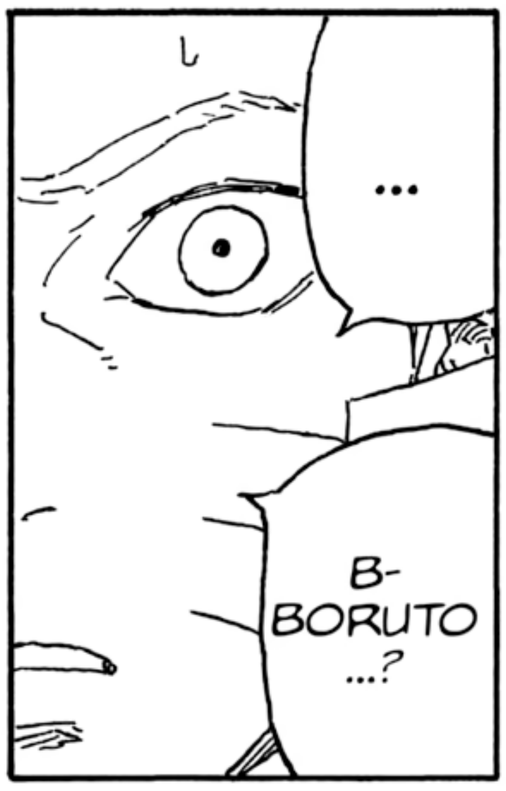
ENOUGH !!!!

DMP

...WHO...

...WAS KILLED...?

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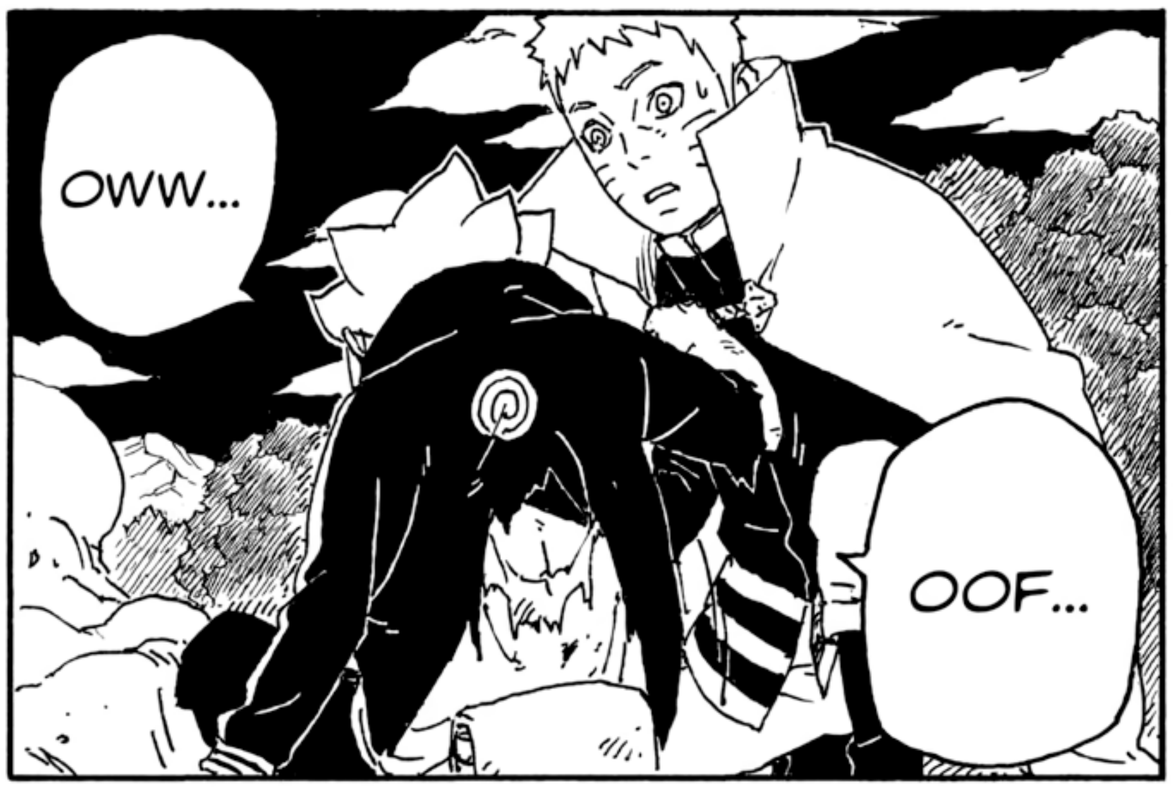
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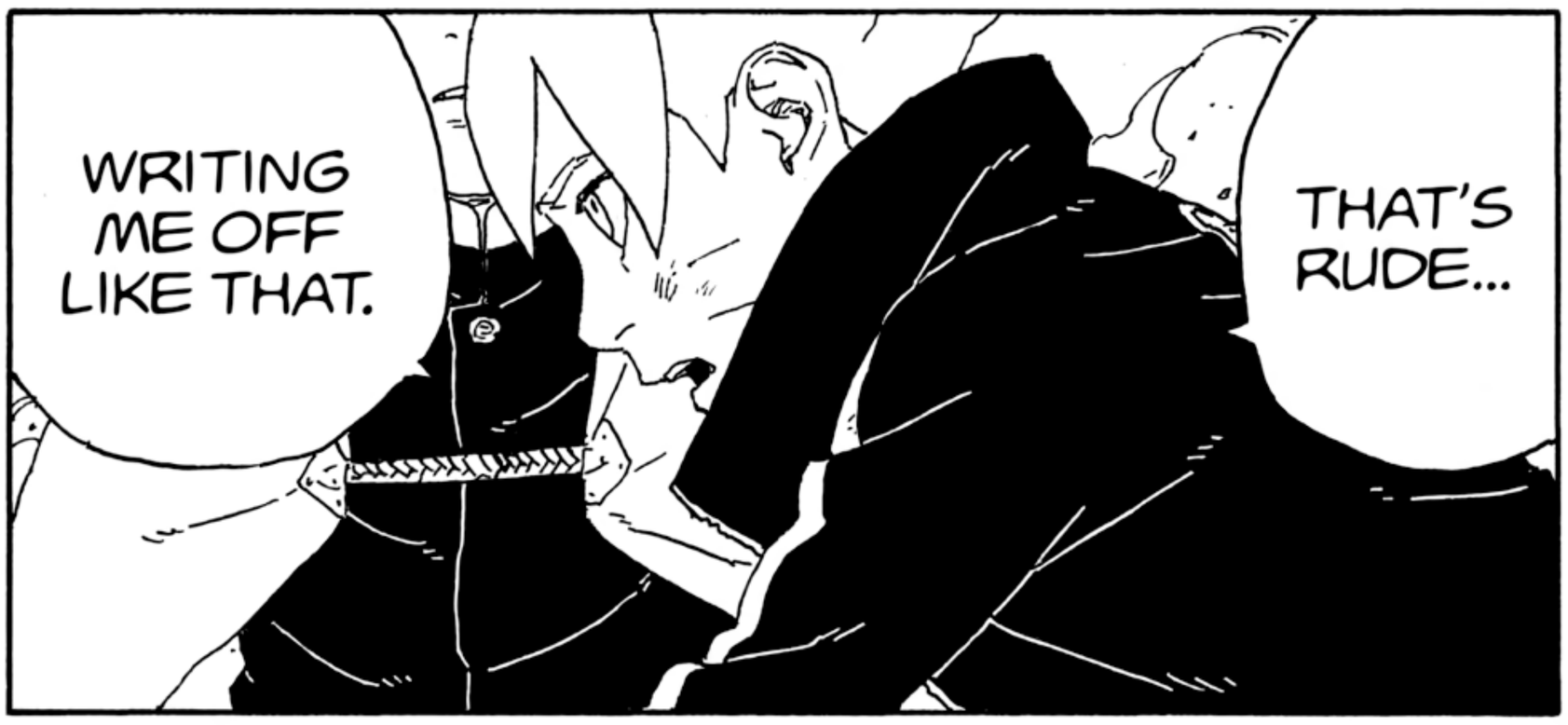
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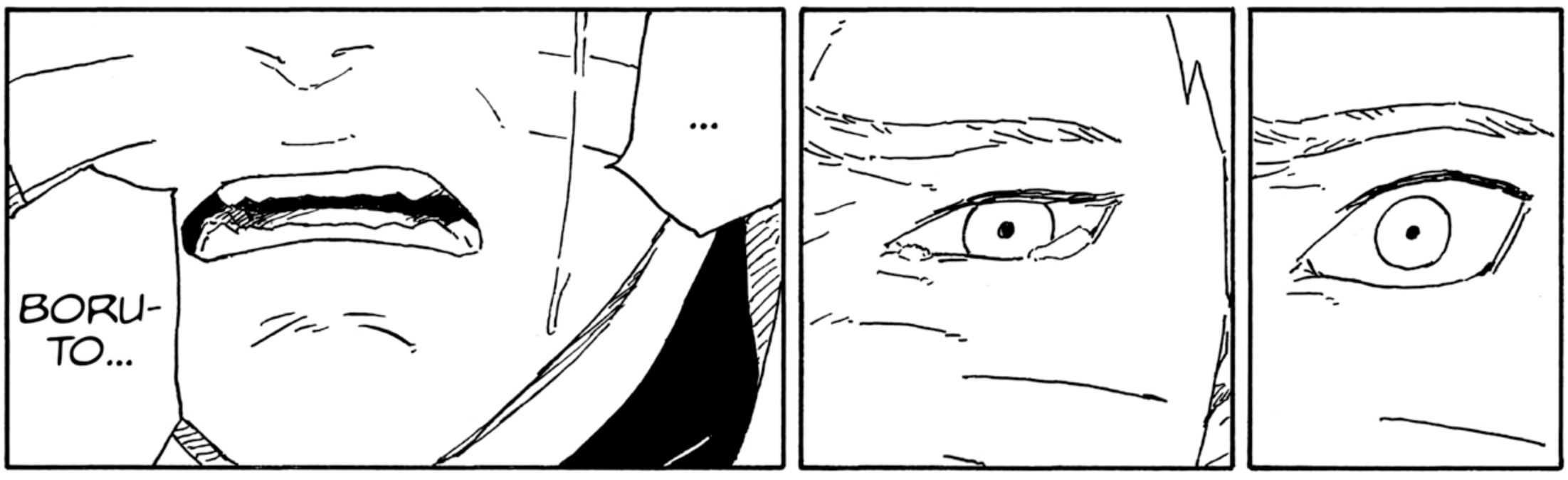
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THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE! I KNOW HE WAS DEAD.

NO WAY...

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HE HAD A GAPING HOLE IN HIS CHEST!!

WHAT'S THAT?!

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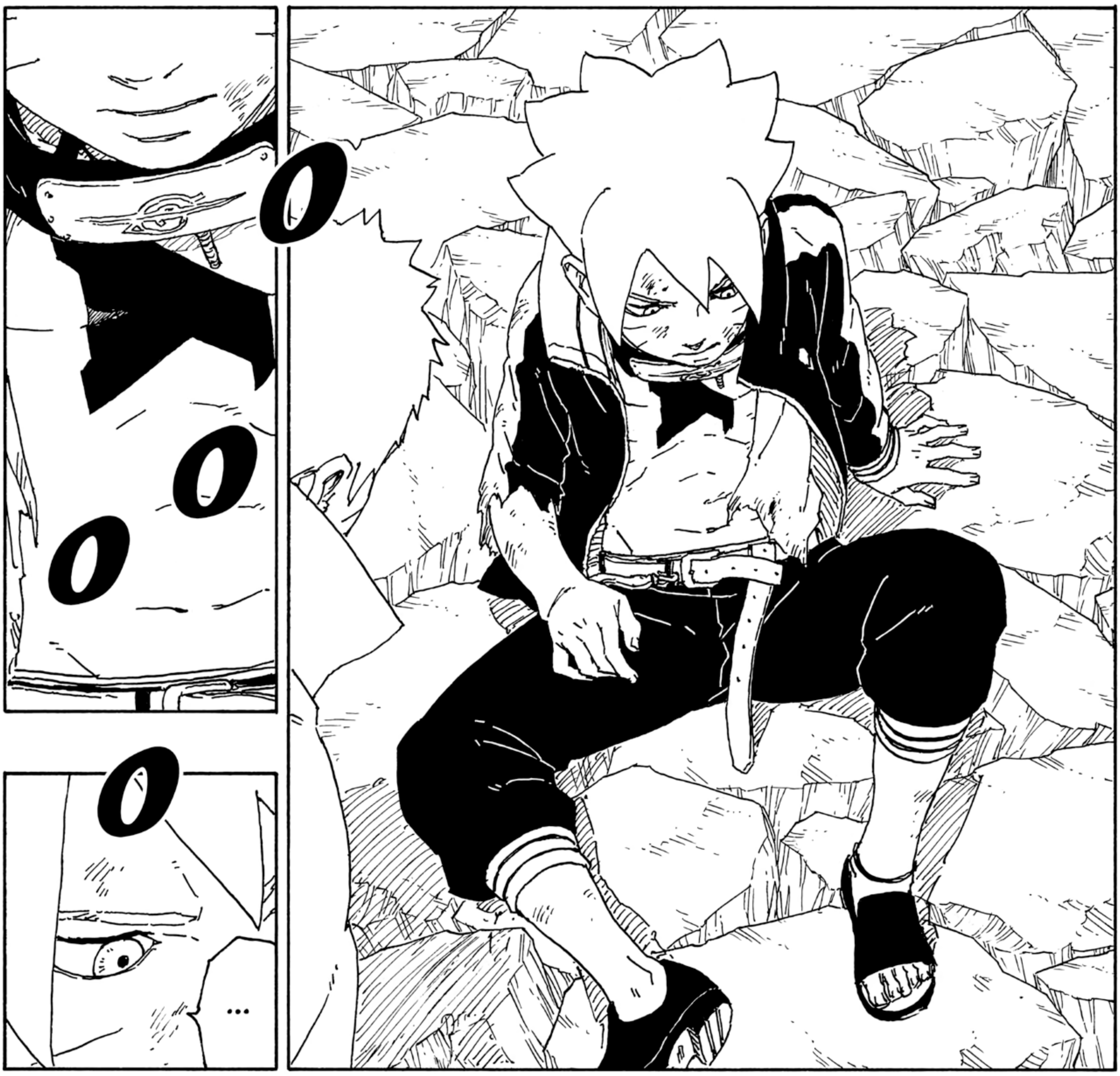

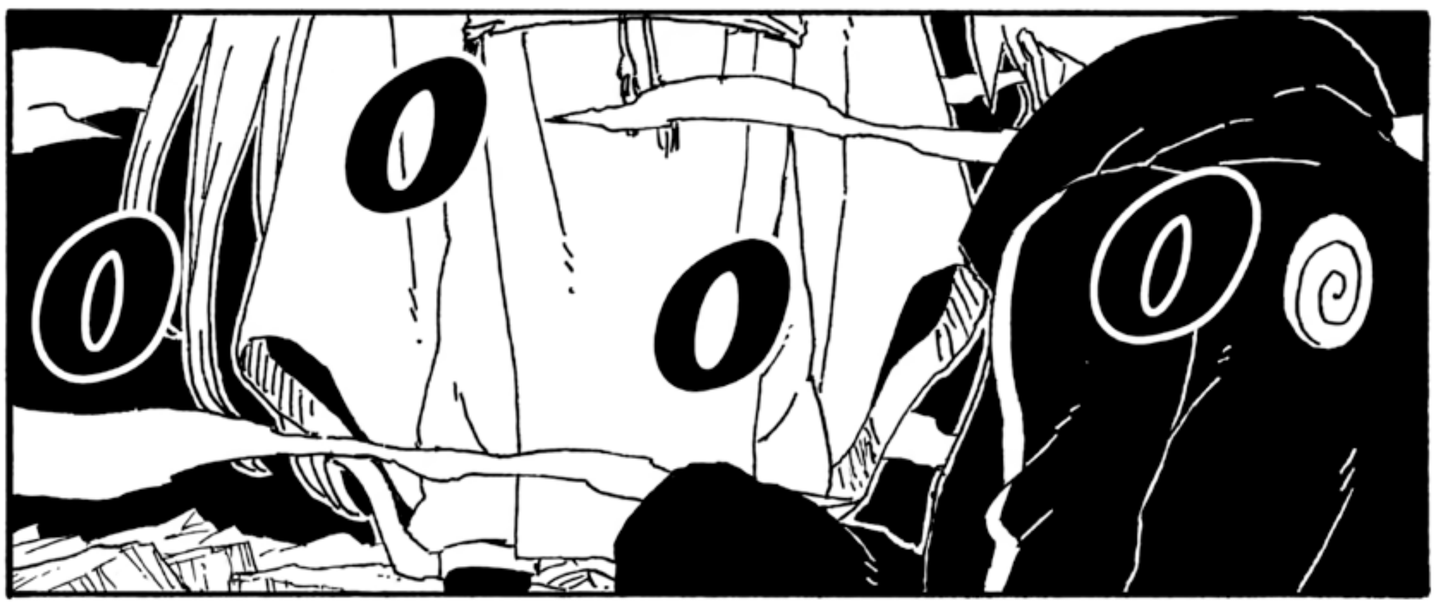

HEY.

WHAT THE HECK'S GOING ON?

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...A VESSEL ALSO SERVES AS ITS ANCHOR TO THE WORLD OF THE LIVING.

IN ADDITION TO BEING A RECEP-TACLE FOR ONE'S SOUL...

JUST LIKE IN ISSHIKI'S CASE.

THE LOSS OF MY VESSEL WILL RESULT IN MY SOUL'S INSTANT EXTINGUISH-MENT.

FOR MY OWN SAKE.

I CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE YOU.

YOU'RE MY SOLE, PRICE-LESS VESSEL.

PART OF YOUR HEART AND LUNGS WERE DESTROYED, AND YOU LOST A LARGE AMOUNT OF BLOOD.

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HAD I NOT INTER-FERED...

YOU WOULD'VE DIED, OF COURSE.

WHAT DID YOU...

THE WOUND'S HEALED.

NARUTO, YOU OKAY?!

PULL YOURSELF TOGETH--

I RESUS-CITATED YOU.

USING PART OF THE KARMA.

KARMA?

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ZWWWWW

MY RESUR-RECTION WOULD FINALLY BECOME POSSIBLE ONCE THE REMAINING 18 PERCENT FINISHED EX-TRACTING, BUT REGRETTABLY...

...NOT IF MY VESSEL ITSELF WERE TO GET DESTROYED BEFOREHAND.

ABOUT 82 PERCENT HAD ALREADY BEEN EXTRACTED...

...AND DIFFUSED INTO YOUR BODY.

AS YOU KNOW, YOUR KARMA...

...CONTAINS ALL OF ME IN DATA FORM, COM-PRESSED.

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SO I HAD NO CHOICE...

...SO THAT THE CELLS AND TISSUES YOU LOST COULD BE FABRICATED ANEW.

...BUT TO REWRITE THAT LAST 18 PERCENT INTO *YOUR* DATA...

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...FOR YOUR BODY, TO REVIVE ME...?

YOU USED PARTS THAT WERE MEANT...

IN SHORT...

...HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO RESURRECT.

PRE-CISELY.

UNFOR-TUNATELY, YOU TAKING AWAY 18 PERCENT OF MY DATA...

...HAS MANAGED TO PREVENT YOUR RESUR-RECTION!

IN THAT CASE, I GUESS I WIN!

SINCE MY RESOLVE TO DIE...

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I SEE...

REWRITTEN OR NOT, IT STARTED OFF AS OHTSUTSUKI DATA ORIGINALLY.

SO THERE'S NO CHANGE IN THE FACT THAT ALL 100 PERCENT OF THE OHTSU-TSUKI DATA HAS FINISHED EXTRACTING.

WHICH MEANS...

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HUH?

THE REASON I'M TALKING TO YOU...

DON'T GET TOO EXCITED, LAD.

...IS TO IMPART A WARNING.

...COMPLETE OHTSUTSUKI.

...YOU ARE NOW...

...A PURE, GENUINE...

YOU ARE READY TO BE SACRIFICED TO TEN TAILS.

CODE WILL SOON REALIZE THIS TOO.

AND THAT SIGNIFIES ONLY ONE THING.

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QUIT THE COCKY ACT.

FINE.

YOU *WILL* STAY DEAD NEXT TIME.

BEAR IN MIND, YOUR RETURN TO LIFE IS NOT AN EVENT THAT WILL EVER BE REPEATED.

IT SAVES ME THE TROUBLE OF HAVING TO HUNT HIM DOWN.

YOU'RE SAYING I COULD GET FED TO THAT MONSTER AT ANY MOMENT?

BEWARE.

...SHALL EVENTUALLY TAKE EVERY-THING FROM YOU...

THOSE BLUE EYES...

YOU...

... ONCE SAID TO ME...

IS THAT WHAT YOU MEANT BY...

...“TAKE EVERY-THING FROM YOU”?

I’VE DIED ONCE...

HA HA HA HA!

HEH...

THIS HAS NOTHING ON *THAT.*

NO.

...EVEN I CANNOT SEE.

AND WHY *THAT* WILL COME TO PASS...

IT SHALL BE A TRUE SPECTACLE, LAD.

HEH HEH HEH...

BUT IT'LL BE SOON.

HA HA HA HA!!!

THE TIME DRAWS NEAR.

WHERE YOU DON'T HAVE A SINGLE CLAW MARK.

AMADO'S BEING PROTECTED RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF KONOHA.

HOW WILL YOU GET NEAR HIM?

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I'VE ALREADY TAKEN MEASURES.

DON'T YOU WORRY.

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